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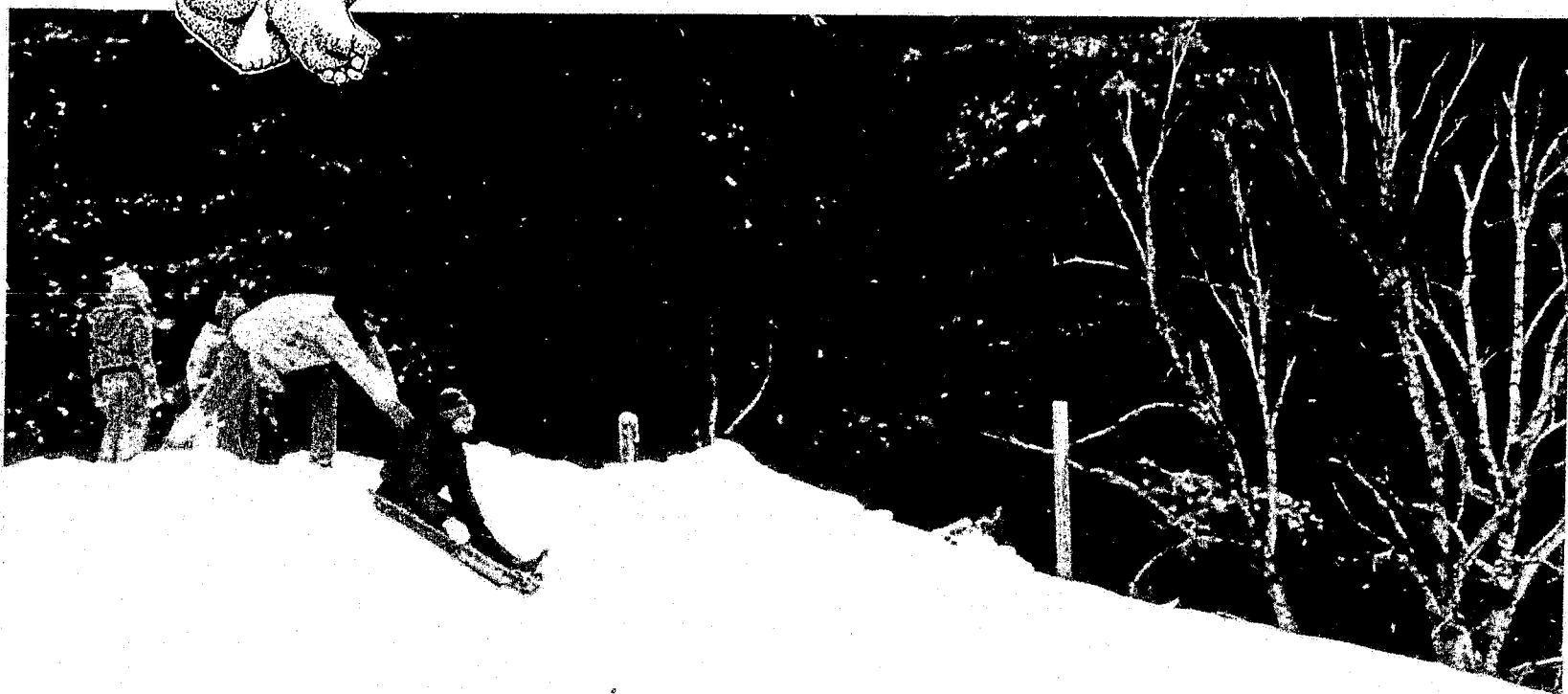
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Winter tourism season starts; hills and towns fill with skiers

How many tourists flocked into the Bethel area Christmas week? Lynn Chapman, of Edelweiss Country Store, in Bethel, put it this way: "There was not a loaf of bread left in the town of Bethel [by the weekend]."

And that was not an exaggeration. One local gas station ran out of gas. The lunch counter at The Marketplace ran out of seats for breakfasters; the Mountain Grocer convenience store at Sunday River skiway ran out of mustard; Mt. Abram's lunch counter ran out of doughnuts by noon on Saturday and Sunday; Sunday River and Jack Frost ski rental shops ran out of skis and boots to rent; the Sudbury Inn had to turn away dinner guests.

That's how crowded things were.

In terms of people, Sunday River Ski Resort's marketing director Wende Gray said the skiway set a new record on Saturday, with over 4,000 lift tickets sold. (The previous daily record—from last season—had been 3,000.)

On Sunday, the Saturday record became old news—by a big margin. Over 5,000 lift tickets were sold Sunday.

The 650 pairs of rental skis on hand at Sunday River's shop and Jack Frost's shop combined were gone by 10:10 a.m.

Even with the record-breaking number of skiers, lift lines stayed manageable.

On the upper lifts, waits averaged only seven to eight minutes. On the lower South Ridge double chair, the longest timed wait was 13 minutes. "We were only limited by the fact that we couldn't provide rental equipment," Ms. Gray commented.

At Mt. Abram, 5,000 skiers over Saturday and Sunday combined to make it "as big days as we've ever had," said spokeswoman Jean Anton. The two-day total was almost double any comparable total from last winter, she said. Additionally, the crowds did not abate much yesterday (Monday). Six high school and community groups showed up in the morning. And many of the families who came on Sunday were planning to stay the week, Ms. Anton said.

While Mt. Abram was able to service everyone who needed to rent equipment, there was none left to spare. "We couldn't have taken more," Ms. Anton said. They have 400 pairs of skis and boots.

The skiers came from all over, she said, but mainly the New England states. Why they came was obvious: good skiing—cold nights and sunny days. "The conditions have just been super for making snow, and we've kept every inch of the natural snow."

Sunday River's Wende Gray added: "It was not cold, it was sunny, there was no reason to stay home and not go skiing." And word apparently got around that, as Ms. Gray pointed out, "We had the most skiing terrain available in Maine or New Hampshire."

It was not just the downhill skiers that came to the area in record numbers. Both Sunday River Ski Touring Center continued on Page Three

State prisoners in county jail? It may make cents.

In the wake of the recently released report by the governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Corrections, people are giving more thought to the prospect of housing more state prisoners at the county jail.

The commission's report suggested, among other things, that crowding in the state correctional institutions be relieved by farming out state prisoners to county jails. The report went to the governor Dec. 19, and he is expected to propose legislation shortly based on the report's recommendations.

Former state representative Karen Brown, of Bethel, says it would be a wise economic decision for the Oxford County jail to accept more state prisoners. The cost per day of keeping a prisoner is less than a quarter of what the state pays the county to house the prisoner, she claims.

Not so, says Oxford County Sheriff Alton Howe, who was one of the 16 members appointed by the governor to the blue ribbon commission. "If you figure everything, it runs into a considerable amount (to keep a prisoner)," Sheriff Howe said.

The county currently charges the state \$40 for each prisoner kept in the county jail. "I don't think it would cost that much (to keep a prisoner)," the sheriff admitted, "but it would come close to it."

Presently there are just three state prisoners in the county jail, all of them serving out the last few months of their sentences. There are also two inmates sent over by Sagadahoc County, which lacks jail facilities.

The South Paris jail, opened in 1979, has bunks for 28 inmates, and is rarely jam-packed, except on weekends, when people convicted of OUI offenses have to serve their jail time.

The jail averages an inmate population of 23 per day—combining weekdays and weekends—according to Sheriff Howe. Counting the boarders from the state and

Meeting being held to discuss fate of Albany Town Hall

On Sunday, Jan. 5, 1986, at 4 p.m., there will be a meeting at the Albany Town Hall to discuss future plans for the hall. Anyone who is a resident of Albany and is interested in becoming a member of the Albany Improvement Association, which oversees the building, is urged to attend.

In the past six months there has been considerable interest in improvements to the building. A new chimney and furnace have been installed and the electricity turned back on.

There is hope of starting a 4-H group in the near future, as well as renting out the hall for family gatherings.

Anyone interested in preserving Albany's only "town" building, or finding out more, is urged to attend this meeting.

Other counties, the jail averaged a daily total of 26 inmates during 1985, the sheriff said.

Generally, he said, three-quarters of the inmates are detainees awaiting trial. The remainder are convicted local criminals sentenced to short jail terms—a year or less—and the boarders from the state penal system or other counties.

Sheriff Howe is not anxious to see the county jail become a boarding house for the state. "I feel this way: If we have the room, I'm for it if it will help alleviate the overcrowding in the state facilities. But, in my opinion, it (the proposed policy of boarding out more state prisoners) will overcrowd the county jails."

The report of the blue ribbon commission was the effort of almost a year of study and discussion. The commission began its work last January. "A lot went into it," the sheriff said.

JOHN LUDLAM, OF EAST BETHEL, with his children, Julie and Jack, and Joyce Pray, of Portland, with her son Eric, enjoyed a day of sledding Christmas Day on the hill by the Gould Academy athletic field. On Saturday, a bad

accident occurred on the hill as a local woman suffered a bad fall while sledding, and was taken to the hospital by Bethel ambulance, with a back injury.

Health Center fundraising drive exceeds 98.6 goal

Challenge '85, the Bethel Area Health Center's fundraising campaign, concluded last week, exceeding its goal by nearly \$60,000.

Instead of the \$98.6 thousand hoped for, the campaign raised \$156,212. Of the total amount, \$101,212 was raised in the community, while another \$55,000 was solicited from foundations. The money will be used for the renovation of the former A&P building in order to expand the center's services.

The project began last May when a group of interested community people met for a brainstorming session and arrived at a goal of \$98.6 thousand dollars, which would represent a community commitment toward good health for the future. The concept was enthusiastically received and plans were initiated for a great fundraising campaign.

A steering committee was formed to oversee the project. General chairwoman of the fund-raising committee, Carolyn Holden, appointed the following leaders of subcommittees: individual gifts, Cathy Newell; special gifts, Carolyn Holden; business and organizations, Steve Wight; special events, Sarah Craig and Jeff Parsons; foundations, Chris Otten.

Each sub-committee chairman or chairwoman pursued the assigned task with a dedication that resulted in going up and over the established goal.

This was truly a grassroots effort, with creation of most materials and work being done by volunteers in the community. A computer was made available by

W. Paris almost has rink—still lacks water

If the Athletic Association members get on with the job, the kids of West Paris may yet get a skating rink this winter.

Last week, Athletic Association Chairman Lloyd Record and his wife Linda put up the forms for the rink. But Secretary Dottie Heath says she has been unable to get parent volunteers to help fill it. She says a number of parents have called, however, asking when it will be filled.

Secretary Heath says the firemen have already volunteered their services, but it takes additional help to drain the hoses, put them away, etc.

Ms. Heath also noted that a snow-machine has already run through the rink, smashing one of the forms.

In other matters in town, state auditors began going over the town's books yesterday and will be in the town office for a week.

The Board of Selectmen met last Thursday and hired Sam Timberlake, of Bethel, as the town's plumbing inspector, code enforcement officer and health officer.

SAD #44. Special events were held on Molycock Day as a kick-off to publicize the effort, and a dance was held as a finale. In between these two events, many volunteers worked very hard to raise the funds to make the renovation of the A&P building a reality and a lasting health care facility for the community.

The funds will enable the health center to respond to the demand for new services, such as x-ray, expanded laboratory and specialty health care.

Currently, 3,000 area residents use the health center. It also provides emergency care to hundreds of visitors to the Bethel area.

Newry officials say Bethel rate hikes too steep

At a meeting Monday night of officials from neighboring towns using Bethel services, Newry officials balked at the suggested rate increases for those services. "We want to pay our own way," said Newry Selectman Steve Wight, "[but] I'm not sure that these figures are anywhere near accurate."

The figures he was objecting to were the tonnage figures showing Newry accounting for 25 percent of the solid waste deposited in the Bethel landfill. However, Selectman Wight and his fellow board member, Selectman Lee Swan, also objected to the idea that Bethel officials want to include, in the annual charges to user towns, the projected conversion costs for upgrading the landfill.

The conversion charges estimated by Bethel Town Manager Rodney Lynch amount to \$34,000. Combined with the annual operating cost of \$29,000, Newry's 25 percent share would be a service charge next year of about \$16,000. Currently Newry pays only \$3,600 for use of the Bethel landfill.

"I'm not going to pay until I'm satisfied about the tonnage figures," said Selectman Wight. And Selectman Swan said it was inconceivable to him that Newry, with a population one-tenth the size of Bethel's, could produce 25 percent of the solid waste at the landfill.

The Bethel selectmen pointed out that the figures came from the trash hauler himself and also noted that the 250 condo units at the skiway boost Newry's solid waste output considerably.

Selectman Wight noted that the skiway had signed a private contract with the trash hauler, D&E Sanitation, to haul a portion of the skiway's trash directly to Norridgewock. He concluded, "Our alternative is to haul all our waste

Gould kicks off 150th celebration

Saturday, Jan. 4, 1986, marks the beginning of Gould Academy's year-long sesquicentennial celebration. Scores of alumni, parents, and friends are expected to attend a kick-off reception in Hanscom Hall from 3 to 5 p.m., which will feature a delectable buffet of hot and cold heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Headmaster Bill Clough announced that the theme of the 150th celebration will be "Great Teaching."

Mr. Clough said returning alumni consistently recall those teachers who made positive impressions, both from a learning and growing point of view.

Joe Roderick was one such teacher honored during the Fall Alumni Weekend; there will be others as the year progresses.

Tickets for the Jan. 4 reception are still available, at \$6 each, and can be ordered from the Gould Alumni Office by mail, or purchased at the door. Because of the large selection of hors d'oeuvres to be prepared, those alumni who are planning to attend and who have not yet made reservations are urged to do so as soon as possible by calling the alumni office, at 824-2161, ext. 129.

to Norridgewock. That way we could see exactly what we were producing."

Bethel Selectman Peter Haines quickly responded, "That might suit us better."

It was clear, however, that both sides were looking for a compromise, and Town Manager Lynch said afterwards he thought a settlement between 18 and 25 percent would be fair.

The Bethel selectmen will discuss the matter of fees again at next Monday's regular meeting. Last night's meeting was simply to get input from the user towns—on the landfill fees as well as on continued on Page Ten

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Opinions

1985—the year that was

The year drawing to a close tonight (Tuesday), was a good year in the Bethel area, as almost everyone who wanted to work was able to work. One local businessman observed that "You don't see as many young fellas on the street raising hell." The reason, he said, is that they're all up at Sunday River skiway working.

That analysis is not too wide of the mark. Carpenters were harder to find than doctors willing to make housecalls. And joining the ranks of carpenters were masons, electricians, sheet metal workers—you name it.

As the winter ski season got into gear this week, Sunday River Ski Resort was employing 235 full- and part-time area men and women. Of these, 85 were in outdoor operations, 50 were ski instructors, 30 were in food service, 20 were in administration, 25 were in housekeeping, 15 were in construction, 10 were in real estate management. The largest number of workers at the skiway are from Bethel; the second-largest number are from Newry; and the third-largest number are from Rumford.

Rumford has become a secondary labor pool for the Bethel area, even as the Bethel area has become a secondary labor pool for New Hampshire. Consider the garment factory opened in Bethel by GAMM, Inc., of Ashland and Berlin, N.H.

Many employers were complaining about labor shortages, and the prospect for the future does not look any brighter—if you're an employer. Both Sunday River and Mt. Abram plan additional condominium expansion next year.

Mt. Abram plans 36 townhouses, while Sunday River is looking forward to constructing 98. This would be on top of the 84 units built this season. (At the end of last season, Sunday River had just 160 condominium units.)

The Bethel Area Health Center plans to remodel the former A&P building on Railroad Street as the new, and expanded health center. And voters approved a new elementary school for Woodstock, which will also make demands on the local labor force.

In response to the abundance of jobs locally, workers are coming into the area, and, mostly, they are finding there's no place to stay. Rental units are in short supply, real estate agents report.

Town by town, this is how the major events shaped up this past year:

- Andover was the hard luck town in the local area. First, COMSAT announced it would be closing its facility in a few years and began dismantling the famous horn antenna. Then a post-midnight fire took the lives of a young husband and wife and the mother's two children. Nevertheless, the town continues to work together to solve its problems—not the least of which is the loss of taxes from COMSAT.

- Bethel had all the signs of a boom town. The town spurred on by a new ambulance garage. Then The Bethel Inn announced plans for a major expansion, including a new conference center, which is even now nearing completion. And then GAMM, Inc., of New Hampshire, quickly set up a factory in the Bethel Mall. Local mills kept going at a decent pace, and many innkeepers reported their best year ever.

- Newry, more than ever, took on the appearance of the tail that was wagging the dog, with the expansion at Sunday River being the apparent catalyst for most of the other growth in the area. The payroll at the skiway is expected to top \$1.5 million for the year. Late in the year, the town was surprised by the news that a Fryeburg developer was considering building up to 400 townhouses along Bear River. With all the property being added to the tax rolls, Newry selectmen were proposing taking a hard look at the school assessment formula, which assigns assessments by property valuations. For a town with lots of property and few students, the formula made little sense to the Newry officials.

- Greenwood officials and townspeople were very farsighted in helping Mt. Abram secure a state loan to fund part of a \$450,000 snowmaking system. Later, in the most crowded special town meeting that anyone could recall, townspeople rejected an offer to turn the old schoolhouse into a nightclub and banquet hall. The change of ownership at Ekco and the opening of the Marketplace under new ownership were good omens for the town, and were followed by increased employment at both establishments.

- In Woodstock, the opposite was true, with the closure of Stowell's Wood Products throwing scores of people out of work. The re-opening of the mill, under new ownership, restored jobs to about half the locals who had lost their jobs. Towards the end of the year, officials began discussing the pros and cons of hiring a town manager. The question should be decided in the coming year.

- West Paris followed the lead of Woodstock and Greenwood the year before and set up a transfer station in place of the old dump. The opening of the Guy Rowe Elementary School in Norway removed a number of students—and a teacher—from the Agnes Gray School. Later, the town was shocked by the news that native son Jody Perham had allegedly attempted to murder two people in a house at Trap Corner. Interest in the case was heightened when Perham escaped from the county jail and remained at large for a couple of weeks. He is expected to stand trial this coming month.

In all, there seemed little doubt that 1985 was generally a year of prosperity for the area. And there seems to be every reason to believe that the boom will continue through 1986. bfw

NINE-YEAR-OLD WINS FIRST PLACE IN ART CONTEST

Misty Hutchins, Northwest Bethel, daughter of Jeff and Elaine Hutchins, was surprised last Monday when a letter addressed to her indicated that she had won first place in a Sun Oil Company Art Contest, and was the recipient of two shares of Sun Oil Company stock. Sun Oil is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Misty enjoys drawing and painting and considers the win to be a top gift to her this Christmas.

IRS HAS NEW 800 NUMBER

The Internal Revenue Service has changed the toll-free forms line telephone number. Due to the timing of this change, telephone books within the state do not reflect the new number, the IRS district director in Maine said last week.

The new toll-free forms line is 1-800-424-3676. Taxpayers can call this number Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to order tax return forms.

A note from the publisher

There are some things you would not admit to anyone: not to your best friend, not to your wife (or husband), not to your priest or minister, not to your shrink.

On the other hand, sometimes you will admit the most outrageous aspect of your life to a perfect stranger. It makes it easier.

With that said, as preamble, let me admit to you that I have never had a "Whopper."

There, I've said it, and I feel better already. I may as well add that I've also never had a "Big Mac," and never had whatever it is that Wendy's calls their burger. (In fact, what ever happened to the term "burger"?) I've also never had an egg McMuffin or a Croissantwich or any of the other mumbo jumbo that identifies what passes as food at the fast food joints.

I've been feeling like a hunted, and haunted, person recently, and therefore I had to confess my eccentricity to you, gentle reader, as a way of clearing myself of guilt.

You see, I cringe each time the Burger King commercial comes on radio or TV, poking derision at poor Herb who has never had a "Whopper."

Poor Herb. We know nothing about the guy, except that his mother pities him and his father disdains him. Does he have something against fast food restaurants? Does he simply not like burgers? Does he live on the moon?

It would be interesting to know what sort of an American in this day and age would never have eaten a "Whopper."

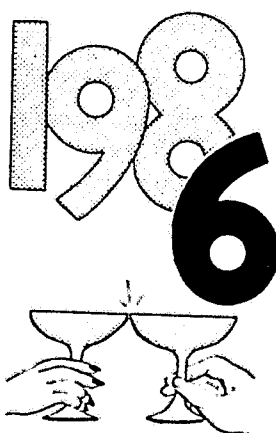
My guess is that Herb is like me: he just never got around to it. Years ago, I used to take a philosophical stand against the plasticity of the fast food franchises. I preferred the soul inherent in diners and ma-and-pa restaurants.

But, as I mellowed with age, I lost my hostility to the McDonald's and company. Now, maybe out of habit, I simply don't salivate when I see golden arches. And therefore I simply never drive in.

If I want a good hamburger, there's any number of places to go locally. And if I'm out on the road, my inclination is to hold onto my appetite until I'm home.

I'll grant you, this is not the sort of spirit that made America great. But there you have it. I guess I'm just not much of a consumer at all. It was only last spring that I purchased my first-ever TV set. So, who knows... maybe, in time, I'll get around to purchasing my first "Whopper." In the meantime, I would give this bit of advice to Herb, in case he happens to pick up a copy of The Citizen. Don't let them wear you down, Herb.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

There comes a time when one's outrage can no longer be kept inside and must be entered into the public light. I find it inconceivable that an out-of-state company, such as the one that purchased Stowell Wood Products, in Bryant Pond, could move into our town and create such a negative effect on the citizens and the town as a whole.

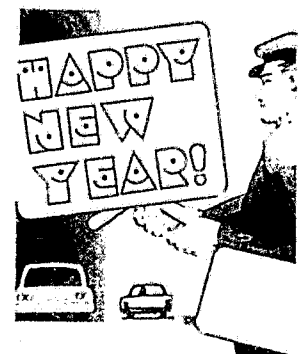
To begin with, there are still former employees with many years of loyal service being told that they are no longer needed. These people possess the needed skills to perform the jobs being manned now by some new employees who have no prior experience at all.

This seems to imply that there must be some other underlying reason that would explain why these people are not being rehired. One of the company's reasons is that the new owners would be liable for the years of seniority with Stowell Wood Products that these people have, in case the mill shuts down again. [But] severance pay is not a factor as there were not 100 people working at the time of foreclosure.

In actuality, these people do not carry their seniority into the new company anyway, as stated by the Maine Department of Labor per a telephone call. I wonder if not for their union activities, might some of these employees have been called back?

Lastly, I know that the new company seems quite employee-oriented by handing out turkeys at Thanksgiving and

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President Reagan has placed a lump of coal in the Christmas stockings of Maine shoe workers. That his veto [two weeks ago of a measure that would have curbed imports of shoes and textiles] is unsurprising does not make it any less disappointing.

The administration's decision to reject reasonable trade relief for the shoe and textile industries is a reflection of its curious overall approach to trade policy. The theories that it chooses to believe somehow come to be viewed as facts, and the facts it chooses to disbelieve are dismissed as theories. But the facts are clear, as they have been for some time:

- Import penetration has never been higher. At this time, four of every five pairs of shoes sold in this country are made abroad.

- During the past year, nearly 13,000

bonuses at Christmas. To the employees who were rehired, think for a minute about the people you worked beside for 10, 20 or 30 years and the great Christmas they will have because of the insensitive management of your company. I doubt that dollar signs and gifts can make you forget a long-time friendship, but to the few that give in to such ploys, I feel sorry for you.

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Newry town office

The Newry selectmen met Tuesday morning, Dec. 24, at the town office. The building ordinance is ready for presentation at a public hearing and later a special town meeting. Welfare and road opening ordinances have been prepared and are nearly ready, a zoning ordinance will be prepared for consideration. Some work was done on preparing for the annual town report. Figures presented by the town of Bethel for the use of Bethel ambulance and landfill were discussed. While the selectmen agree that Newry should pay a fair share for the use of these services, the selectmen questioned the accuracy of some of the figures, especially the percentage of use of the landfill by Newry. Bethel selectmen have asked officials from other towns using Bethel services to meet with them Monday evening, Dec. 30, to discuss the proposed charges for next year. A group of citizens who are expected to submit a petition calling for the town to enact a zoning ordinance, are also expected to submit a sample zoning ordinance for consideration. The selectmen were scheduled to meet Tuesday morning, Dec. 31, for more consideration of ordinances and work on the annual report.

shoeworkers around the country have lost their jobs, and more than 140 plants have closed.

- Unemployment in the shoe industry is twice the national average.
- Production is down 13 percent this year.

And yet, even faced with these compelling facts, the administration has chosen to do nothing.

All members of the Maine Congressional delegation have worked very hard on this issue, and I know all four of us are very saddened by the President's short-sighted action. We will vote to override the President's veto should we be given a chance to do so, but, candidly, the prospects are dim.

It can be said that, to the extent that the administration has focused any attention on trade problems this year, the debate over shoe quotas has been the focal point of the discussions. Congress must act to completely overhaul the existing trade laws so that injustices, such as the one suffered by the shoe industry, cannot happen again. Senator Mitchell and I are among the sponsors of a series of bills to do just that. But the prospect of legislative action in the future cannot be much solace to the shoe industry today.

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By LINDA CARON

All the news that is fit to print... My office is being dismantled little by little and all I have left is my typewriter, my light and this piece of paper on which I am typing this column.

Christmas was a strange mixture of Christmas decorations, packed boxes, giggling and one missing person. Pop is in sunny California. Jaime got some wonderful presents... two of which were missing one thing or another. All will be repaired in a day or so... Thank goodness for Mimi.

I'm sorry this is such a short column this time... wish I had more news to pass along. I can't very well pass along what I don't have.

We hope everyone had a joyful Christmas. And another holiday that should be a happy one as well. Here are three hints to at least start you off on the right foot for 1986... Don't make any New Year's resolutions, just improve each day by doing something nice for someone else. Don't look back. You can't go back and change it. Live for today. And finally, and perhaps the most important, *don't drink and drive*. We want you to be safe and healthy for the new year.

Please don't put me on a pedestal
I am only what I am
I cannot give what is not mine to give
I cannot share what is not mine to share
I will share with you what I can
But there are some things I cannot
Moments far too precious, too fleeting too few
(Those which come but once a year)
I will show you the beginning, but you must travel your own path
As I did mine so long ago.
I am just a person
Living my life as best I can
No more or less special than any other
I am here to "sometimes bring a laugh,
maybe a smile,
sometimes a tear."
If I do that just once a day
If I can move someone to respond
Then my life is worth more
Than I have ever dreamed.

Former SAD #44 Superintendent Basil E. Kinney of Belfast is now at his home following surgery and a stay at the Waldo County Hospital. He suffered two broken legs when struck by a car in Belfast on Dec. 8. Mr. Kinney is now able to get around his home in a wheelchair and is on the road to recovery. His address is: Basil E. Kinney, 31 Miller Street, Belfast, Maine 04915.

CARD OF THANKS

A most grateful thank you to the staff at Rumford Community Hospital and Ledgeview Memorial Home. We also extend our appreciation to family, friends and neighbors for their donations of cards, money, food and visitations during the loss of our loved one.

The family of Ted Gallant

Newry

By AMY HANSCOM

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bachelder, Atlanta, Ga., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Bachelder, during Christmas week.

Recent callers on Amy and Roger Hanscom were Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Fraser, Jason and Becca, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings and Fred Burk, also Hazel Newell, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Powers.

Pastor Rodney Hanscom and Nancy Hanscom were at the Community Room of the Bethel House for a pre-Christmas service Friday evening, Dec. 20.

Christmas services were held at the Newry Community Church Dec. 22. The following program was presented: Song, Away in a Manger, Frances Davis; carols by the Youth Group, including Matthew Wight, Tom Wight, Edith Murphy, Scott Wight, Nancy Hanscom, Wendy Hanscom, Jennifer and Christopher Brooke; poem, written by Gilberte Seeley and read by Sue Wight; scripture reading, Marsha Moxcey; The Christmas Story, Sylvia Wight, Nancy Wight played the piano. The program was followed by a tree, with candy and popcorn for the children provided by the Ladies Circle. The Ladies Circle also provided by the program. Sue Wight, Frances Davis, Marsha Moxcey, Scott and Tom Wight, Edith Murphy and Wendy Hanscom went around Monday evening singing carols. Sue Wight served refreshments afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hanscom, Jay, Eric, and Adam, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis and Deanna, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hanscom and Nancy, Bethel, Christmas Eve. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hanscom Jr., and Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. David Hanscom, David and Becky, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walley, Denise and Keith, Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bachelder, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Claire O'Donnell, Michelle and Philip, Jr., Cumberland; Mr. and Mrs. Adam Littlehale and family, Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bachelder and family, Mars Hill; Brent Bachelder, Rhode Island; Julia Goodwin, Belfast; Arlene Myshall, Mexico, and Gilberte Seeley, Newry, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Bachelder, Dec. 29.

Donald Hayner, Carol Ridlon and Bethany, Greenwood, were dinner guests of Mary Tripp Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. David Ferrante and Shane, Newcastle, were dinner guests Dec. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Baker and family, Hanover, were afternoon guests Christmas Day.

Guests of Freda Robertson for a pre-

Christmas tree Dec. 22, were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barker, Rumford Center; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gross and family, Rumford; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Korhonen and family, West Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Knox and family, Buckfield; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Robertson and Amy, Newry. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Knox and family, Buckfield, were overnight guests of Freda Robertson Dec. 21.

Mrs. Freda Robertson was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Korhonen and family, West Bethel, Christmas Day.

Wesley Child, Rumford, spent the Christmas holidays with his granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Robertson and Amy.

Herbert Morton 3rd, Andover, Mass., spent Christmas with his mother, Helen Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lee and Cheryl, Watertown, N.Y., were recent guests of Warren Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Powers were guests of Warren Powers Christmas morning. Warren Powers was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Powers and family, Norway, Christmas afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Wight entertained at an oyster dinner Sunday, Dec. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brooke, Seneca and Amber, Mrs. Susan Bowie, Jennifer and Christopher, Newry; Mr. and Mrs. William Brooke and family, Augusta; Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Wight and family, New Jersey; Thomas Wight and Edith Murphy, Stowe, Mass.; and Scott Wight, Bronx, N.Y. Matthew and Donna left Tuesday, Thomas and Edith left Thursday, and Scott left Sunday to visit a friend in California a few days before returning to New York. Tuesday evening Edith Murphy played the guitar and the group sang songs.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wight, Shawn, Missy and Ryan, Monson, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wight, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wight and family, Old Town, came Friday to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wight entertained Olive and Jim Anderson and Gilberte Seeley at an oyster stew supper Monday evening.

Gretchen Wight is having a vacation from her teaching duties at Errol, N.H., and is working as a skiing instructor at Sunday River Ski Area.

Gilberte Seeley, Thelma Lowery, Karlene Bachelder, Betsy Clark and Beatrice Lowell were in Rumford bowling Dec. 26. Thelma Lowery was high scorer with Karlene Bachelder a close

WINTER TOURISM SEASON

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and The Bethel Inn reported sharp increases in the number of cross-country skiers.

During the Christmas week, the touring center's Steve Wight said, there were an average of 200 skiers per day, which is double the number of last year. "It's better than we've ever seen for this time of year," Mr. Wight said.

Again, good snow seemed to be the key. "It's the best kind of snow we could hope for—powder and packed powder—hard wax skiing."

The Bethel Inn's Ski Touring Center had 160 groups of skiers over the weekend, as compared to 128 groups for the comparable period last year. Manager Sally Sawyer commented: "It's been really busy. We're getting a lot more locals. I've been giving a lot more lessons." She credited the good snow and the Inn's new track-making machine for the record number of skiers. "The snow is smooth and fast," she said.

Skiers also have to sleep and eat, and the local inns and bed and breakfast establishments were mostly completely filled. Even the newest lodging house in town, The Cameron House, filled right up. "We had a full house this past weekend," said owner MaryBeth Bayerlein, "and we'll be full again this week."

There are 244 condominium units at the skiway, with a total of 1,200 beds. In the local area, from the Madison Motel to the north to the Mollycodd Motel to the south to the Philbrook Farm Inn to the west and to the Old Rowley Inn to the southwest, there are approximately 325 rooms available, with a total of about 850 beds. Most of the rooms were filled.

The skiway, which runs a referral service, was sending people to the outlying motels as those nearer to Bethel quickly filled up.

The Sudbury Inn filled early. "We've been turning a lot of people away," said owner Cheri Thurston.

At The Bethel Inn, they were not turning

second.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Swan were Anita, Michele, Krystal and Jennifer Straight, Bethel, Vt.; Janis, Alison and Brent Black, Randy, JoAnn and Jason Swan, Barre, Vt.; Ron Coutenarch and Anabell Snodgrass, Bethel, Vt. Olive and Jim Anderson were dinner guests Christmas Day.

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After falling, 74-32, to a very strong Groveton, N.H., team, the Telstar boys' basketball team waltzed over Gorham, N.H., 60-39, in the consolation round of the Groveton holiday tournament.

The score was even, 12-12, after the first quarter, but then the Rebels steadily pulled ahead. It was 25-22 at the half, 35-30 after three, and, in the final period the Rebels chalked up 25 points to Gorham's 9.

High scorer was Ken Viger—who was elected to the all-tournament team—with 25. Scott Haines had 13, Jeff Rainey 7, Jim Merrill 6, Rick Roy 3, Chris Torrey 2, Jim Fiske 2, Greg Gould 1 and Alec Newell 1.

The tournament marked the return to action of Jim Fiske, who had been out the early part of the season with a foot injury.

Coach Bill Caddigan was pleased with the effort the team put into the Gorham contest. "They played real well against Gorham," he said. Aside from the excellent play of Viger, he also praised the steadiness of Haines and the aggressive defense of guards Rainey and Merrill.

The Rebels now have a season record of 2-7. They play this Friday, at home, against Old Orchard. Game time is 5:30 p.m. for the JV contest.

ing people away, but they had a good crowd. "We were about even with last year," said front desk manager Don Bennett. On the other hand, their newly inaugurated sleigh rides and hayrides were booked solid.

One local innkeeper discovered she had overbooked and had to put a party of six in a quickly converted apartment.

Sunday River Inn's Steve Wight said, "We've been full since the Friday before Christmas. Our reservations are the best we've ever seen. We're essentially full 'til the 23rd of March." While most of his guests are repeat visitors, he credited The Citizen's winter tourism tabloid, which is available in ski shops from Boston to Portsmouth, for bringing in

Rebels disappointed
at Gorham tournament

The Telstar girls' basketball team came home from last weekend's Gorham, N.H., tournament 0-2. But they got one good game under their belts.

That was the first game, against the taller host team. Coach Jim Lunney said, "It was one of our better games,"—despite the 44-37 score.

The Rebels fell behind, 18-11, in the first quarter and were never able to make up for that deficit, although a couple of times they narrowed the gap to four points. "That really was the ballgame," Coach Lunney said of the early deficit.

Nonetheless, he was very pleased with the rebounding of Linda Learned (who has come back to the team after being out for a few weeks with a knee injury), Lynn Seames and Traci Higgins. Learned is generally the team's leading rebounder.

Higgins was high-scorer for the Rebels, with 13, followed by Penny York, with 10. In the consolation round, Sunday, Telstar led Hillsborough High School, 12-9, at the end of the first quarter. And then things fell apart. The final score was 47-19, in favor of Hillsborough. "It was an odd game," Coach Lunney said.

What made it odd was the number of fouls called on the Rebels—a total of 27 on nine girls. "It turned into a quagmire of fouls," said the coach.

Learned was not able to make the trip for the game. Jeannine Conant was high-scorer for the team, with 6; York had 4 and Higgins 3.

The girls next play at Old Orchard Friday. There is the possibility of a make-up game with Freeport Saturday at home.

many of his new guests. The Cameron House's MaryBeth Bayerlein, said her bookings seemed to be from word-of-mouth advertising as well as an ad she ran in the state's "Maine Guide to Winter." The Sudbury's Cheri Thurston summed up the popular sentiment of the tourism industry: "It's been absolutely wonderful. I think it'll be a good winter."

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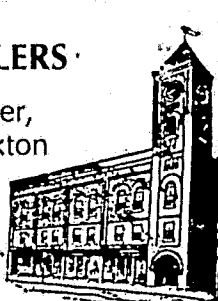
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East Bethel

By MYRA FOSTER

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haines and sons, Chuck, Bernie and Scott; Jeffrey Nevens, of Brownfield, were dinner guests on Christmas of Mrs. Floribel Haines and Fred Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Spellman of Enfield, Conn., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings Saturday, Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings were guests for dinner Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. Al Bancroft and family on Paris Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Erlon Bean hosted a family Christmas party, Dec. 22, with the following present: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coolidge and Dennis; Mr. and Mrs. John Coolidge, Betty Ann, Tina, Jason, and Ryan; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Coolidge, Sarah, Jessica, and Victoria, of Northwest Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wojtylski, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bean, Monica and Chad; Miss Penny Bean and John Efferedge, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Almon Coolidge, Henry Leavett; the host and hostess.

George Graves, of Rockland, visited the Bartlett Homestead Thursday of last week. Mrs. Lillian Bartlett entertained at Christmas dinner Clayton Bartlett, of Kennebunk; Mrs. Dorothy Graves, of Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bartlett, and Miss Dorothy Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Smith, Sean and Dirk, of Bucksport, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harrington. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Smith and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Wyane Bean and daughters, Stacie and Jennifer, had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller and family, Locke Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crockett, Jason and Aaron, were also there.

Mrs. Sandy Endicott and Mrs. Nancy Twitchell were in Lewiston and Berlin, N.H., for last-minute shopping last week. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Twitchell and family; Mrs. Rose Dyer, of Bethel, were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Evington, in Rumford Corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimball hosted a party on Dec. 23, with the following present: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Evans and

family; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Angevine and family, of Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crockett and family; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hathaway, of West Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Andre Bernier and family; Howard Crockett; Mrs. Frank Gibson III and Tinker; Miss Velora Kimball and Bruce Tuominen, of Yarmouth, and James Kimball, Miss Velora Kimball and Bruce Tuominen were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimball.

Dec. 24th, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimball, James Kimball, Miss Velora Kimball, Bruce Tuominen, Mr. and Mrs. George Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett and family, Mrs. Frank Gibson and Tinker, Miss Esther Crockett, Howard Crockett, Michelle and Michael, and Miss Jackie Crockett had a Christmas tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fries, of Augusta, called on Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tyler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimball, James Kimball, Miss Velora Kimball and Bruce Tuominen had Christmas dinner and tree with Mr. and Mrs. Andre Bernier.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. John Hicks, who died Dec. 24, in Lewiston.

Miss Denise Foster and John Foster, of Andover, visited Mrs. Myra Foster Sunday, Dec. 21. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stearns, of Rumford Corner, Mrs. Cindi Hager and children, Dori, Justin, Jay, Buck and Nathan Ward, of South Waterford, visited me on Monday of last week. Daryl Tyler and friend Stella, of Dixfield, took Mrs. Myra Foster to Dixfield as an overnight guest of Mrs. Josephine Tyler. Mrs. Tyler and Chris Russell brought Mrs. Foster home Christmas afternoon.

Albert Foster had Christmas dinner with his sister, Mrs. Warren Smith, in Locke Mills. Howard Crockett, Michelle and Michael; Miss Jackie Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett, Jarrod and Brian; and George Crockett visited Albert Foster during the last week.

A Very Happy New Year and many more to all.



A CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE AREA'S SENIOR CITIZENS was served by the Bethel Rotary Club at the American Legion hall. Entertainment was provided by students from the middle school, and gifts were given to lucky ticket holders.

Rotary Club notes

The Bethel Rotary Club's meeting on Dec. 17 was held at the Bethel Legion Hall, in conjunction with our sponsored Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner Party.

The Christmas dinner was prepared by Gene Buswell and served by our Rotary wives and Rotarians. Many compliments were expressed by senior citizens.

Chairman Jim Monahan and Jo are grateful for the support and hard work provided by fellow Rotarians and wives in completing the many tasks involved in catering this Christmas dinner.

Romeo Baker, the master of ceremonies, did his usual fine job of conducting the meeting and greeting guests. He was assisted by Roger Conant, who also acted as chaplain.

Carolyn Brooks expressed thanks on behalf of the senior citizens for the dinner party provided by Rotary, and the enjoyable entertainment.

Following the meal, Music Director Harry Davis and his Community Band Group from Telstar Middle School furnished a program of music, songs, and humor for the entertainment of our guests. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the very well-rehearsed program. It was most beautiful indeed. Most of us were not aware of all this hidden talent. Perhaps we will be privileged to be entertained by them soon again. Just be careful about those prune juice jokes, Harry. It was great fun.

A special thank-you to Roger Conant and Scott Dennis for standing by to do the building clean-up chores at the end of the day, and to the American Legion for donating the use of their building on this day.

The Christmas baskets for the needy, provided by Bethel Rotary each year, were distributed by the SAD #44 bus drivers on Dec. 20. The work crew con-

sisted of Rollie Glines, John Head, and Jim Monahan. The number of baskets was increased by two this year through a donation by the Bethel Lions Club. Thanks all you Lions. Surely, the amply supplied baskets helped to make some families' Christmases a little bit happier, we are sure.

The Rotary Club work crew of Roger Conant, Dewaine Craig, John Eliot, George Noll and Jim Monahan was again busy on Dec. 21 setting up the Nativity scene on the Bethel Common.

The Bethel Rotary Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at the Telstar cafeteria. The Sudbury was closed at noon for the holiday. (The Dec. 31 meeting will be at the Sudbury Inn at the usual time.)

President Lennie Shaw had asked that everyone bring a brown-bag lunch with them to last week's meeting. A contest was then judged by Jim Monahan to

East Stoneham

By GLADYS KILGORE

Happy New Year to everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McAllister had several relatives for dinner Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Nelson and daughter Christa of Winslow are staying at the Nelson home here for a few days.

Shirley Grant is visiting her brother Bob and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tripp had for dinner Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Millett and son, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Millett and son also Craig Millett of Augusta.

Miss Christine Nelson of Boston was a weekend visitor at the home of Bradley Nelson.

Mrs. Geneva Tripp visited her grandmother at Ledgeview one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Abdul Talsch and two children are visitors at the home of the Albert Nelson's for a few days.

The youngsters are enjoying a week of vacation from Fryeburg Academy.

Miss Amy Barker is having a few days at home with her mother, Mrs. Nancy Barker. She has a teaching position in Conway, N.H.

determine the winner having the most innovative lunch. The winner of the contest was Scott Dennis. He brought his own candelabra, English tart, shrimp cocktail, and more.

Ray Harrington was program chairman for the meeting. His program was an improvised Christmas Party and a few comments on the meaning of good will and fellowship at the Christmas season. Gifts were exchanged among Rotarians and all had a good time.

President Lennie advised the membership of the upcoming conference and other matters discussed in the governor's newsletter.

The Bethel Rotary Club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and a healthy New Year.

Steer This Way

By Win Carrick

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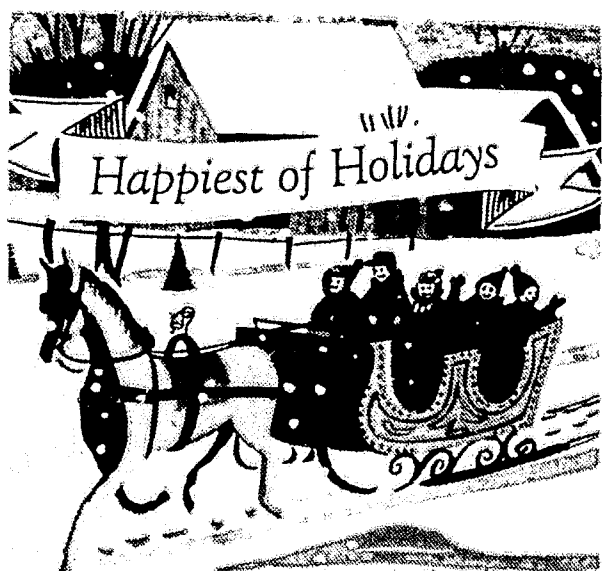


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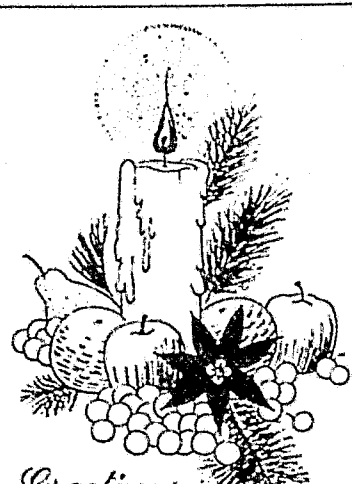
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Andover East Andover By MARJORIE JODREY

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnston former residents of town visited with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Merrill last week while they were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Merrill Adams and family in Bremerton, Wash. It was so nice to hear from a former neighbor.

Mrs. Elsie Hewey is spending a few days over Christmas with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Quinn.

Mrs. Leon Akers and Mrs. Leon Simmons were in Yarmouth, on Dec. 21 to attend the funeral of Mrs. Marjorie Cushing. Mrs. Cushing was a former resident for many years. She leaves her husband, Major and two children, Mrs. Jean Akers and Darrell Cushing and several grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Thurston and Susanne and Pete Stevens, Arundel, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Thurston and sons.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frazier were a nephew, Scott Dunbar, of Syracuse, N.Y., Christine Frazier and son, David, of Herndon, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Dean Frazier and children, Darrek and Shannon of South Weymouth, Mass., Mrs. Carol McDonough and children, Kegan and Kasey, of Burlington, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Frazier and children, Hank and Pete of Lisbon Falls.

Master David Jacques of Herndon, Va., called on Mrs. Floyd Emerson on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Humphrey and Melissa of Manchester, N.H., spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jodrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Thurston and sons, Danny, Jon and Kurt, entertained at Christmas dinner her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jodrey; his mother, Mrs. Mary Thurston and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Humphrey and Melissa of Manchester, N.H.

Sgt. Michael Myshrell and Miss Gail Ruben returned from Athens, Greece, where they were stationed in the Army to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Myshrell and Kevin.

After 10 days he will report to Fort Carson, Colo., for further duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Palmer and Robin entertained her mother Mrs. Ismay Mecham and her sister Barbara Warner for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson Sr. entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emerson

and Cory and Tracey Emerson and Greg Worthely for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Kathy Williamson and son were greeters at the First Congregational Church on Dec. 22 and Rev. Marjorie Churchill's sermon topic was "In Praise of Excess." The Youth Group went caroling at night. There was a candlelighting ceremony Tuesday. Greeters on Dec. 29 were Doris and Donald French.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jaros and family spent Christmas with his sister Mr. and Mrs. Del Legere in Rumford.

Mrs. Annie Durland of Mexico, and Mrs. Melvina Longley of Gardner, visited her daughter, Mrs. Charles Jaros on Thursday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Keith Farrington and son James of Bath spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Farrington.

David White entertained at Christmas dinner his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester White, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Farrington, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Farrington and James, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Davis, Amanda and Ericka, Scott Farrington, Mrs. Elizabeth Sennett and Mrs. Conrad Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Morton, Karen and Kevin.

Robert Swain is having a new hangar built for his airplane at the East Andover airport.

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knowles (nee Kathi Sennett) are living in the former Elizabeth Sennett trailer.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gagne (nee Donna Stinson) of East Stoneham are receiving congratulations on the birth of their son, Mark James, born Dec. 24, at Stephens Memorial Hospital. He joins a big brother Matthew, aged 7. Sharing honors as grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stinson, East Andover, and Mrs. Marie McLean of Holyoke, Mass.

Perry Stinson of Frankfort, Germany, who works for the Armed Forces Network TV, spent Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stinson. Also visiting were his daughters, Kier and Rachel Stinson, of Windham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer Poor entertained at a pre-Christmas party on Dec. 21 a family gathering. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. David McDonald and sons

Ryan and Cory of Laconia, N.H., Penny Poor of Plymouth N.H., Freda Delong of Littleton, N.H., Mr. and Mrs. Roger Milton of South Paris, Thelma Clark of Norway, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Poor and Jenna.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Poor and Jenna entertained for Christmas dinner his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archer Poor and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Briggs and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrington.

Hope everyone has a very happy, safe, and prosperous new year.

Elderwood Manor Items
Mr. and Mrs. Norman White left Friday Dec. 20, to spend Christmas with their oldest daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slack and family in Lafayette, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Thurston called on his grandmother Mrs. Bernice Glover on Sunday.

Due to stormy weather on Christmas day many of the tenants stayed at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vannah enjoyed Christmas dinner with her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jodrey and family.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sennett's daughter, Mrs. Conrad Hayes, of Thomaston spent Christmas with her and she returned home with her on Thursday and will undergo eye surgery on Dec. 30 in Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Powell had Christmas dinner with her mother, Mrs. Wilma Hewey on Thursday due to the stormy weather on Christmas day.

Mrs. Gertrude Hutchins spent Christmas Eve with her son, Robert Hutchins and family.

Mrs. Anne Fox had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fox and family in Bethel.

Mrs. Catherine McGuire was guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chamberlin and family in Skowhegan over Christmas returning on Thursday.

Florence Hall had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Gertrude Hutchins at the manor because of the storm.

Mrs. Earl Milligan of Rumford sent in Christmas dinner to her mother Mrs. Bernice Glover and Dot Elliott.

Mrs. Janice Stowell, traveling nurse,

has visited Mrs. Bernice Glover each day this week. Mrs. Glover returned to see the doctor on Friday.

The tenants at the manor wish to thank the Scouts for their wreaths and the story hour members for their cards and all the carolers from both churches and the Rumford Center group of carolers.

Mrs. Ann Fox spent a pleasant afternoon with Thelma Clark at the Creative Living Center in Norway.

Mrs. Bernice Glover wishes to thank all the tenants at the manor and Mr. and Mrs. Myshrell for all the cards, letters and the lovely plants she received while she was in the hospital and after she's been home.

Calvary Congregational Church
Dec. 6-8: Rev. Harold Duff was our guest speaker. It was a time of study from the scriptures, reaching us to be more conformed to the image of our Savior. The theme, "The Man of God."

(1) Our Devotion to the Lord; (2) Our Life of Prayer; (3) Our Life of Obedience.

A Fellowship dinner was on Dec. 7 with a question and answer time, and the choir sang several selections, "Born to Die," "Let Me Burn Out for Thee," "As Christians we are able to Refuse, able to Choose, and to Esteem, as did Moses.

Dec. 15: Rev. Donald Grover's message was "Salvation by Grace Through Faith," Acts 10. The choir sang "The Star of the East." Special music, "Just a Carpenter's Son," by Carole Stuart and Rosemary Roberts.

The Christmas program was held Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. Each class presented a program. The teachers were: pre-schoolers, Helen Grover; beginners, Barbale Bailey; primary, Becky Simmons; youth, Rosemary Roberts; teens, Marjorie Stinson.

Superintendent, Marjorie Stinson. Bibles were passed out, presents, oranges, and candy bags.

Reverse Roles
Sunday School Morning
A little girl, with shining eyes and little face aglow, said, "Daddy, it is almost time for Sunday school. Let's go! They

Northwest Bethel By CLARICE GIBSON

Haven't been able to call many people but will have to write what I do have. We had about two inches of snow Monday morning so will have a white Christmas. One man said on the TV when they say a white Christmas—do they mean snow already on the ground or snow falling that day? Barbara MacDougall (they write down the temperature each day) said that they had a -19° day last week. No wonder the cars creaked and groaned when we first took them out.

The Homer Smith family were pleasantly surprised when their daughter, Christine and husband, Donny Bachelder, showed up from Georgia Thursday night. No one was told of their coming. Sunday dinner guests at Homer's and Edie's were Christine, Donny and Tracey Bachelder; Kerry, Diahnn, Danny and Jack Smith, Newburyport, Mass.; Bruce, Douglas, Adam and Dennis Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chamberlin (nee DeeDee Smith), Joe, Jan and Kacie, of Oufield.

Sharon and Davis Kimball of Waterford were Saturday afternoon and evening guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Benson.

Thursday, I picked up Kathy Hanscom in town and we drove up to see a doctor in Farmington. Didn't find out anything as yet but have to call her back in two weeks. We then had dinner at the Wayside. Cold but beautiful overhead. Friday picked up Frankie and we went down to South Paris to my folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen. Around nine my sister, Iva Holden came to take us to Portland to see a doctor for Frankie's MS. I could have driven but don't know Portland and Iva does better. We got about 18 miles from where we were going when the car stopped. This kind retired gentlemen came out to see if he could help us but to no avail. Finally Frankie asked if we could hire him to take us to his appointment and we would have Iva meet us at the office. He did and we didn't much more than make it. We waited for over two hours when the office girl told us there was a problem as they were closing for the afternoon as all were going to an office party at another location. We went out into the outside foyer by the stairs and waited. Iva came later and said they had to put in a new gas line as well as charge the battery. She was lucky however, as one person couldn't make their appointment, so she could get right in. We then went to Kentucky Fried Chicken and ate. After picking up our car at the folks and Theresa at the Red Top we all came here for the night.

Sunday afternoon I went down to the Sunday School program at the Locke Mills Church. Theresa was one of the children in it.

Enter With Gladness
Enter with gladness
For God is right there,
Enter as a child
In God's royal care,
Enter with God's love
For "Love casts out fear,"
Enter expecting
A good day is here.
Then trade time wisely
For graces that last,
Moments are fleeting
A day is soon past.

Months and years have passed, but Daddy hears that plea no more, "Let's go to Sunday school!" Those childish years are over and that daddy is growing old, when life is almost through, he finds time to go to church. But what does daughter do? She says, "Oh, Daddy, don't today, I stayed up almost all last night, and I've got to get some sleep."

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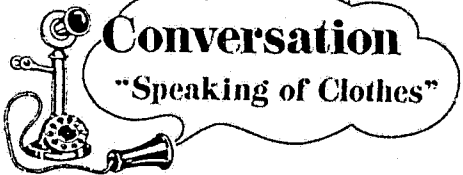
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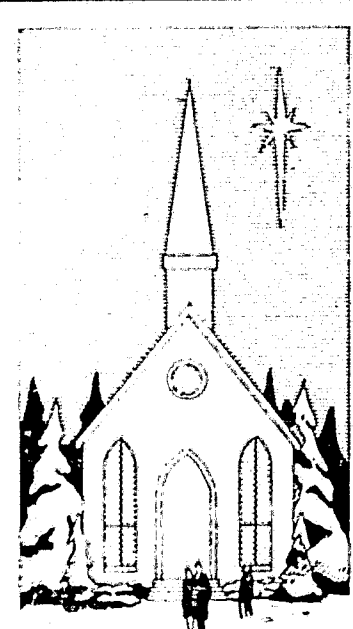
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By VIVA WHITMAN

What crazy weather we have had. The forecasts have not been good and the weather hasn't always been what they have forecast, as usual. I hope the forecast for Christmas isn't what they say it will be, but probably it will be, as long as folks want to go to family homes to enjoy the day together. Not just the right way to look at it, I suppose, but it does seem as though that is the way it works out so many times.

We had planned to get to some of the Grange meetings the last of last week, but our going to Lewiston on Tuesday stopped those plans. It wasn't good for Russell's leg or hip and he hasn't ridden again until yesterday. I had to go to town and he drove me down. It still hurts him to ride very far at a time or sit too long so he hasn't tried to go places.

Olive Davis came to deliver cards from the Grange on Wednesday, I believe it was. I was outside with Courtney, who had come home with us on Tuesday. She stayed until Friday, when her mother came up and took me to the doctor's and did some errands for us.

I guess I'm just not used to being outside enough myself, and on Thursday afternoon, I started having a touch of flu. I laid around and Courtney was such a good girl, playing and coming into the bedroom to see if I was OK and holding my hand. She is quite the little mother hen. I had gotten her a puzzle of Rainbow Bridge, and she quickly learned how to put it together, so we had a good time with that until I got sick.

I have been so busy I haven't written in my book as I should have this past week, so am not sure of the day that Myrna and Bernard White, of Auburn, called, but it was while Courtney was here and she showed him that she could put the puzzle together. She also picks up on words that she shouldn't, too, and one has to be careful what they say around her. She has been taught to say "please" and uses it a lot, and it surprised Whitey to hear her use it as she did. She got frustrated to see him push the puzzle pieces around and told him to please let her do it. Kids add so much to one's life and Courtney and Kariann really add life to mine.

Wynona came early on Friday to take me to the doctor's and then went and did some shopping for Russell and me. We were most grateful and took care of Kariann while she did the errands. I had lunch ready when she got back, and after lunch she didn't stay long as she had other things to do and the girls were both tired and needed naps. So did I.

Felt some better on Saturday and went to town to get some articles that I had ordered and do whatever errands needed doing. However, I didn't take any longer than was necessary as I still didn't feel like running a mile or staying in town longer than I had to. I had a lot of sewing waiting for me to do and wanted to get back home, rest what I could, and then sew.

As I had told Courtney, nanas have to help Santa to get things ready for small

children. And as most kids do, she asked "why?". I told her that Santa just had so many children to get gifts for that he needed help and that took care of the question.

I was making a dress for her and tried it on her and, of course, told her it was for someone else her size. I don't like to fib to her, but want to surprise her with the dress.

Have made clothes for both girls, and being sick took time away from me that I wanted to use sewing. The most of the sewing is done now, and just got to wrap a few more gifts. I like to make things for people at Christmas time. To me, the gifts that are made mean much more than if they are bought from a store. Love goes into every stitch or whatever is made.

Sunday night, or maybe I should say, afternoon, Russell and I went up to Lawrence's for their family Christmas party. Lots to eat and good company make for a good time, and we had that. Russell didn't try to sit too long at a time so made out fine. Their tree was so pretty, and Grace does a lot of sewing and had made hems for the girls. And by not wrapping them it added a lot of color to the tree and all around it. I believe there were 24 of us present at the party. One other was there for a short while but left; however, we all had a good time and drew names for next year, when we hope to have just as good a time.

Christmas day will be free for the different families to go wherever they want, but it was Christmas with the spirit of it with us all on Sunday night. A good time had by all.

Had to go down street for an appointment on Monday and as the muscle

spasms were working in my legs and made me timid about driving, Russell drove me down. He said it still hurts to sit much but thinks his leg is getting better slowly.

I don't want to forget to mention that Marilyn Swan, with children, Bion and Michael, stopped in on Friday with some raspberry jam and a nice loaf of homemade bread. The bread has just about had its course as there is only one piece left, but the jam will be just as good as the bread, I am sure. I thought it a lovely gesture and so did Russell.

We had seen Bion when he was little and saw him ride with his mother on her bike. I asked him if he still rode on the bike with his mom and he said he did. He has the prettiest red hair I ever saw. We had never seen Michael and were glad of a chance to see him. Bion will be three on January 1st—one of the new year babies that have been born at Stephens Memorial Hospital; and Michael will be two before you know it.

I can't remember when his birthday is, but he is a nice looking little boy and they were both very good while visiting here. Thanks for the goodies, Marilyn, and hope all our old and dear friends on the Sunday River Road have the best of Holiday Happiness. We miss the friends we had up there and if they are ever down this way, hope they stop in and see us.

Had a short stop from one of my daughter's friends last night and would have loved to see her boys, but they were asleep in the car. I wish them a Merry Christmas, also, and so many friends I would love to see and hear from. One of them called me yesterday and we had

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE MILLS

There will be no meetings of the Greenwood Historical Society in January and February. Meetings will resume the first Wednesday in March at 7:30 p.m. in the society building on Main Street.

The Christmas cantata put on by the Locke Mills Church choir was skillfully performed before a nearly packed Church Sunday evening, Dec. 22. Roy Lurvey of Gorham, Maine, also was among a few voices lent to the choir from nearby areas. Beverly Melville was choir director and Dick Melville was narrator.

quite a chat. I was glad to hear from her as I had forgotten to send a Christmas card and talking to her was lots better than sending a card or receiving one.

I guess it is time to get busy and hope I haven't left out any of the ones who have called. Merry Christmas to all and a Happy and Healthy New Year to each and every one.

Russell and I know what it is like to be laid up with ailments and wish everyone could get rid of them and have good health. If only we could be given that as a Christmas present, we wouldn't need anything else. However, we have to grin and bear whatever the Good Lord passes our way. And it is hard, but we do the best we can, as do all the other folks around us. Happy Holidays, everyone, and God bless you all.

Following the cantata Mrs. Melville was presented a lamp shade by the choir and then refreshments followed in the Sunday school annex courtesy of the Ladies Circle.

Congratulations and best wishes for a happy marriage go to Tammy Dunham and Robert Caron who were wed Saturday. A reception followed the wedding at the town hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mills, and Ralph Mills, visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jon Smith Thursday in Dryden. Jon had to work but they all had supper together and then played a trivial pursuit game on Maine afterward. If you want to find out how much you don't know about Maine that is one good way to find out.

Charlotte Cole took Anne Troy to visit an old friend Mildred Thomas in Bethel Tuesday.

The Greenwood Fire Department was called out to a chimney fire at the old laundromat building on Main Street Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mills and Ralph made a quick stop at Don and Marolyn Mills in Norway Tuesday and called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Colby and boys in West Greenwood Friday evening.

Christmas Day visitors of Mrs. Bertha Flanders were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morse and Darren who brought Christmas dinner with them. Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Jordan, Vance, Delia and Doug of Waterford visited her in the

evening. Velora Kimball and Bruce Tuominen visited her Dec. 24. She reports she had a "lovely, lovely Christmas."

Dinner guests at Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller's Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Chet Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crockett and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bean and girls, Bethel, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Smith and sons, Bucksport, Stephanie Fuller and Eric Wardwell, Hampton Beach, N.H.

Judging from the amount of traffic the skiing on Mt. Abram has picked up considerably this year, what with the new snow making equipment and the natural snowfall, I always know when the skiing is good as it takes quick reactions to get out of my driveway with the car between four and five and I'm not noted for that. My husband says my top speed is slow and deteriorates from there! — Have a New Year filled with love and peace everyone.

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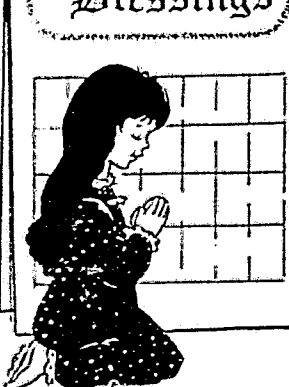
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by Julie

Locke Mills



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By COLISTA MORGAN

Winter has begun for we heard the precise day, the hour, and the minute that it happened. We know now that the sun will climb the sky and daylight will lengthen but cold will strengthen.

We gathered and used the festive greens, pine, spruce, hemlock, and mistletoe. Those greens, decorated with red berries were symbols of hope, life, belief for the faith which came with Christmas.

For many years my Christmas started on Dec. 14 when a bag came to me marked, "12 days to Christmas." Inside were gifts, one for each day. The largest of course was the 12th day and Christmas. These gifts were useful things and I enjoyed opening them; not so much for their value but for the thought and effort put into them.

I have known this person for many years—ever since she arrived on a cold February day.

She has always been to me like her month of birth, February. It's a bridge over which I cross from winter to spring. A key that opens memory's door so that I may dream about the joys that there are in store.

This year, as sure as Dec. 14th by the calendar arrived, my gift came and how lovely! A book! One gift but a treasury for the month of December. The writings are a winter spread of magic all over the land. The pictures are so beautiful and so that they are like a piece of velvet in my hands. The cover, the first attraction is the warm glow of a house which says "Come and share with me the pages." Then open, and there is surely a memory. A team of horses (I could hear their bells) hitched to a two seated sleigh or "pung" as we called it. The memory was of my donor's mother, grandmother, uncle and of me and a spill we had into drifted snow.

Turn the page and there's the skating pond, another cornerstone for my holiday memory.

Next begins the title "December!" which tells of December sounds, "the moan of chilling winds, the swirl of driven snow."

"Frost-Work" by Thomas Bailey Aldrich—1882.

"These winter nights, against my window-panes Nature with busy pencil draws designs Of ferns and blossoms and fine spray of pines, Oak-leaf and acorn and fantastic vines. Which she will make when summer comes again."

Birds and animals are there among the pages; how to track them, how to feed

them, and what they like.

Interesting short stories are included, one of which is "Bruised Ego" of how a rabbit outwitted a bob-cat.

In my many travels in December I know that it's the time when winter gets down to business, but we have learned to cope.

In days gone by I have snowshoed to keep an appointment with some beech tree, or moved among the pines. The snow often caused their boughs to droop. As I passed beneath them, they shook down another snowstorm on my head. The forest depth was fresh and pure. Partridges, nuthatches, woodpeckers, and other hardy birds were there. Nearly always the squirrels frisked about, tunneling to their stores.

Winter may be bitter and rough but it also has its compensations. Number one, time to read, as I shall—my treasured book with thoughts of the one who gave it to me. I'll think of one February fourth, that exciting cold, cold morning when a car wouldn't start and to Lewiston hospital was a long, long way. How memories crowd my mind, memories that never go away.

May you never lose your laughter or fail to find a patch of sunshine and a little patch of blue.

Tonight, Dec. 25, 1985, I'm home after a nice Christmas party at the farm. This day, is always one of mixed emotions to me. The family was home, Robert, Anne, David and their family members. The little girls, Jenny and Mary, ages four and two and a half, were the highlights of the day.

A few had their family parties on Sunday, the 22nd: Nestor and Katie Tamminen, Fred and Rena Curtis, Gordon and Joan Morgan, John and Dot Betts. Doris Hayes went to New Hampshire to the home of her granddaughter and family over the weekend and stayed for the week. She will have a later Christmas on Dec. 28th at the Hayes farm. She expects her four boys and their families, plus a few others.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Adams, Joshua and Jessica, left Christmas morning for a party with their folks in New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. John Betts and his brother spent Christmas Eve with John and Dot's daughter, husband and boys in Conway, N.H.

Doris Hayes, Mrs. Erwin Hayes and I were at the home of Dot Ross in West Paris with other teachers for the afternoon of Dec. 19th.

I had 14 callers this week and all were a "Santa Claus." It's nice to be



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West Bethel

By HARRIETT STOWELL

Miss Rosemary Stowell of Woburn, Mass., spent several days at the home of her parents over Christmas.

Andrew (Duke) Boyd underwent surgery at the Maine Medical Center on Dec. 27.

Evelyn Aremburg of Haverhill, N.H., is spending some time with her sister, Frances Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Stowell, Melanie and Nathan, of Shirley, Mass., came Dec. 24 to spend the rest of the

remembered.

Eva Felton and Kathy Curtis had their Christmas tree on Wednesday. Eva's daughter, Lucy, a grandson and a friend enjoyed the day with them.

We called on my brother, Frank and Dot, and on Eva Felton this week.

There was a chimney fire at Eva Felton's one afternoon. The fire department came and there was no serious damage.

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week with her parents, Arthur and Ruth Gilbert.

Fourteen members of the Lovejoy family were together Christmas day for dinner and a musical afternoon.

Cathryn Lovejoy and Helmi Loffreda were at Ledgeview on Friday afternoon to visit Lillian Lovejoy.

Andrew and Marlene Stowell and children of Jackman were guests of his parents the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Head and girls were hosts at a family Christmas breakfast. Attending were John and Fumi Head, Olive Head, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Stowell, Melanie and Nathan, of Shirley, Mass.

Howard and Mary Butler of Union came Saturday for the weekend with her mother, Olive Head.

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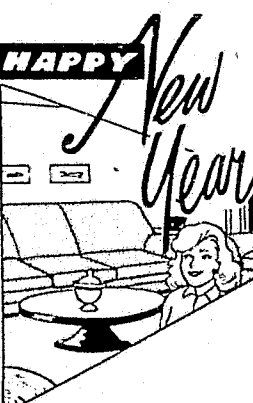
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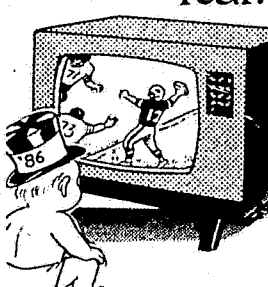
"She was content. She was the Queen, the leader of the Court, adored by the King, worshipped by those whom she gathered together that she might instruct them in the rules of chivalry. She surrounded herself with poets and troubadours. To win her favour a man must be possessed of exquisite manners...

"She was the judge of literary manners; she applauded or derided. She imparted her philosophy of life. The girls must obey her, admire her and emulate her as best they could... The young men must all be in love with her... They must write their verses, sing their songs to her; they must mingle talent with desire. She was determined that her court must be the most elegant in the world."

PARENTS TO REPORT ON AN INTERESTING PROJECT

On Jan. 8 at 2:30 p.m. at Crescent Park School, those parents who participated in the November Volunteer Workshop in Brunswick will share their experiences with all interested. The participants attended a diverse range of workshops from grant writing and fundraising to afterschool programs for "Latchkey" children. This meeting should be interesting and informative, and it will provide a good chance to discuss ideas that parents and teachers may want to implement in the Bethel schools. TAP budget and fundraising programs for 1986 will also be presented at this meeting. Child care will be provided.

Happy New Year.



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By ARLINE BERNIER

Edd, Arlene and Shannon Bernier of Dallas, Tex., visited her parents Christmas week. They also visited brothers, sisters, other relatives and friends in the area.

Ellie Lecomte and Connie Gagnon collected goodies at the schoolhouse for 15 senior citizen baskets. One was sent to a nursing home to Merna Allen and the rest were delivered directly or in one case left where the receptionist could pick it up. These baskets are delightful as they contain such a variety of gifts from neighbors. On behalf of all the recipients, we thank each of the donors and a special thanks to the ladies who did the work which is considerable.

So. Woodstock

By OLIVE DAVIS

Christmas is upon us and so is the snow. We had three inches more last night but the weather is warmer today so it has melted some.

I had three callers today. Deven Andrews came up to dinner. Later, Jerold Mason called and the last part of the afternoon Mary Billings made a dooryard call, and presented me a Christmas gift. It is so nice to see them all. Esther Davis had dinner with me Sunday.

The Jim Masons had the misfortune of losing a young heifer the past week. It slid into the farm pond while evidently trying to get a drink of water. They didn't find her until the next day. The tame deer left tracks there where the deer fell in. She has left for the time being. They were pals together and have stayed in the pasture together for a long time. If a deer walks up to you while you are outside, don't be afraid. She still has her collar on. Pat her, and let her go free.

Thursday I attended West Paris Grange supper and tree. They had some of the Chapel Valley people in for the evening. Richard Felt, Dot Canwell, Bertha Benoit and Carl Brooks entertained with their good music.

Everyone is hurrying to get their Christmas shopping done. I called on several friends and neighbors. Many times no one home. I guess they were in on Christmas too.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE F. HOYT

The Woodstock Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, Jan. 2, at the town hall for a pot luck dinner and game party in the afternoon. Each one is to bring their own silverware and an article for the game party. Plates and cups will be furnished.

There will be a benefit supper for Don and Becky Lawrence on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Bryant Pond Town Hall at 5 p.m., put on by the Woodstock Fireman's Auxiliary.

On Sunday, the Hoyt family had a family supper and get-together at the grange hall. A total of 43 were present. Kenneth Hoyt and family, Francis Hoyt, Shirley McKenna and family, Ralph Hoyt and family, Raymond Hoyt and family, Donald Hoyt and family, Mrs. Alice Hoyt, and Beatrice Farnum.

Guests the weekend of Dec. 22 of Joseph and Sophie Zemaitis, Railroad Street, were Mrs. Christine Byrnes, Lebanon, Conn., and granddaughters, Deena Dube and Jodie Zemaitis, New Britain, Conn. An early Christmas was enjoyed. While here, Deena, Jodie and Nathan Clukey went Christmas caroling.

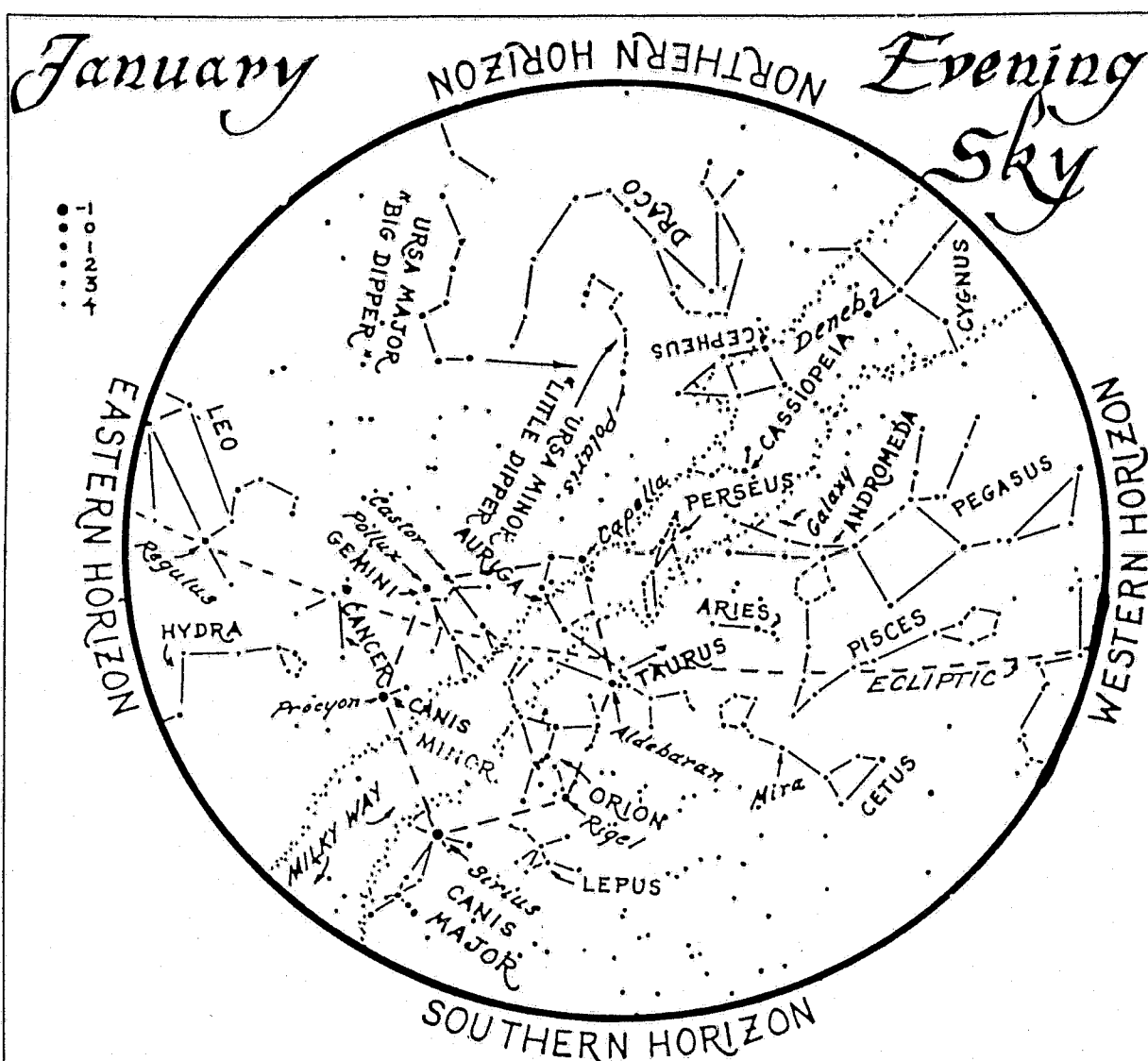
Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoyt and Beatrice Farnum Christmas night were Mr. and Mrs. John Chase, Andrew and Crystal, Althea Stevens, Keith, Jenny and Donny, Beth Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. David Crockett and Ray, James Hoyt, and Bobby Hoyt.

Mindy Chase and Crystal were visitors of their grandmother, Beatrice Farnum on Friday. Mindy returned to Tennessee on Sunday.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hathaway were Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Jordan, Vance, Delia, and Doug, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jordan, Jr., and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Estes and Karen, Debbie Millett and Brian Millett, Mr. and Mrs. David Newell and two children, Carlton Estes and Tricia, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Hathaway, Victor and Tanya Hathaway, and Penny and Matthew York.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hathaway were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Jordan for a family time on Monday. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Hathaway on Thursday evening.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Ring were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ring, Freeport, and Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Glines, Jonathan and Jolyn, Danbury, Conn.



SKYWATCH

On Jan. 24, the antennas of NASA's Deep Space Network will be concentrated on a spot in the constellation of Ophiuchus near the planet Uranus—where a faint radio signal will be transmitted from a distance of 1,767 million miles by our old friend, Voyager 2.

This interplanetary tourist was launched from Earth nine years ago, before Voyager 1. It followed a different flight plan so that it could arrive at Jupiter after Voyager 1. Unlike its twin, which was flung into inter-stellar space at the conclusion of its encounter with Saturn, Voyager 2 continued in the same plane as the planets to this encounter with Uranus. From this point, scientists at the

Jet Propulsion Laboratories, in Pasadena, Calif., hope to navigate the remote-controlled robot on towards Neptune for an encounter in 1989. The trip so far, however, has not been without mishap.

It took perseverance and ingenuity to overcome a stuck scanning platform on the probe, and mission controllers are still cautious about Voyager 2's capabilities. But NASA specialists have overcome all the operational problems that might have prevented a close-up look at Uranus, the third planet with rings.

Until now, the Voyager program (1 and 2) was a close-up tour of the planets Jupiter and Saturn—planets that were scanned by Pioneer probes in the early 1970s.

Now, scientists will be testing their theories of the formation of our solar system with the completely new evidence that is gathered from the outer planets, Uranus and Neptune. Their composition and physical properties must be explainable as part of any such theory, and unusual data is already evident.

Most theories agree that the planets and sun formed together from a single, inter-stellar cloud of dust and gas about 5 billion years ago. Since the cloud was most probably the same mixture of chemicals throughout, the uneven distribution of elements among the planets must have been caused by the formation process itself. Many believe that the Sun, early on, expelled light materials out of the nearby space, leaving heavier elements to form the rocky planets, Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars. Farther out, those light materials collected into the gas giants, Jupiter and Saturn, whose atmospheres are mostly hydrogen. Uranus may be a bump in the road for this nice, simple theory.

Approaching Uranus in November, Voyager 2 detected an abundance of helium in the planet's atmosphere. Scientific conjecture in the past predicted a planet that would be similar to Jupiter

and Saturn, at least in composition, so helium should be less abundant than the lighter, most abundant element in the universe, hydrogen.

Why should Uranus not show signs of an atmosphere as light as the first two gas giants? What process would eliminate the lighter gas from the pool of material that formed this blue-green giant, its five moons and its thin, unusually dark ring system?

These questions and many more are in the minds of scientists as Voyager 2 makes its final approach to Uranus.

The Uranus encounter may expand our knowledge and understanding of the solar system more than any event in the last 10 years as Voyager 2 passes within 68,000 miles of the giant world.

January planets: This month's feature planet, Uranus, is very close to the Sun this month, but visible. On Jan. 8, Uranus will be 3 degrees north of the nearly new moon, and therefore visible through binoculars before sunrise. Although we seldom mention Uranus in the Skywatcher's Guide, it is just barely visible to the naked eye when the sky is very dark and clear.

The Sun's near neighbors, Mercury and Venus, are hidden by the Sun this month. Jupiter is still with us in the evening, low in the southwest after sunset. But the more colorful planets, Mars and Saturn, are only visible in the early morning hours. Both can be seen in the southeast—Mars rising about five hours before sunrise, and Saturn about two hours later.

The nights, being as long as they are at this time of the year actually make pre-dawn skywatching a more tolerable proposition for many of us. But be sure to dress warmly.

If you're out comet-watching, look for Comet Halley over the next two weeks in the constellation Aquarius, one to two hours after sunset.

Skywatch is provided by the Planetarium of the University of Maine at Orono.

CHURCH NEWS

Locke Mills Union Church
Silver Leaman, Interim Pastor
Margaret Ring & Arnold Jordan
Co-Head Trustees
Mrs. Richard Melville
Organist and Choir Director
Bruce Swan
Sunday School Superintendent
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., Worship.
10:30 a.m., Sunday School (October-May).
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., TOPS.
Second Wednesdays, Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
Third Wednesdays, Ladies' Circle 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Choir practice at the home of Beverly Melville.

Pleasant Valley Bible Church
Flat Road, West Bethel
Rev. Larry Bresnahan, Pastor
836-2828

Sunday School, 9 a.m. Ages 3 to adult.
Morning worship, 10 a.m. Babysitting for children through age 5.
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Choir practice, 7 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Those needing information or rides to church activities, please call Maureen at 824-2945.

Newry Community Church
Newry, Maine
Rodney Hanson, Pastor
Nancy Hanson, Organist
Sunday Morning Worship, 9:00 a.m. with special service for children.

Bryant Pond Baptist Church
Linwood Hanson, Pastor
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School.
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
6:00 p.m. Evening Service.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thursday Avants Clubs: K-G: 2, 2:30-4:00; G: 3-12, 6:00-6:00.
Friday: Adult choir practice, 7 p.m.

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Andover
Rev. E. Marquette Churchill
Phone: Church 392-4678; Parsonage 392-3081
Organist and Choir Director, Linda B. Dyer
Sunday School Superintendents
Margaret Richardson and Sonja Flanders
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School.
Ladies Aid—Every other Tuesday at noon, C.E.B.
Friday: Adult choir practice, 7 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church
Route 5, Andover, Maine
Donald Grover, Pastor
Mrs. Edna White, Pianist
Helen Grover, Choir Director
Marjorie Stinson
Sunday School Superintendent
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School.
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
6 p.m. Evening Service, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Fellowship supper at the church.
Friday: 7 p.m. Video Bible Institute classes at church.

Rumford Area Bible Speaks
Pastor Bob Colby
Route 232, Rumford Corner
369-3373

Bolster's Mills
United Methodist Church
David W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 10:00 a.m.

South Waterford
United Methodist Church
David W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 9:30 a.m.

OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH
Rev. Nancy Taylor
East Stoneham
Congregational Church
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
North Waterford
Congregational Church
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Bethel United Methodist Church
Rev. Guy R. Downing, Pastor
Tel. 824-2010
Administrative Board Chairman,
Richard Stevens
Christian Education Chairperson,
Sally Downing

Sunday:
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
UMW—first Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m.
Anyone needing prayers of church members or knowing of someone in need please call Mrs. Burton Abbott, Mrs. Wallace Saunders or Mrs. Ronald Stevens.

West Parish Congregational
United Church of Christ
Church St., Bethel
Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass
Co-Pastors
Miss Mary Valentine, Minister of Music
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Nursery care provided.
Wednesday: Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pilgrim Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.; Choir, 5:30 p.m.
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Bethel Gospel Center
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Rte. 26, Bethel
D.N. Larson, Pastor

Sunday:
Sunday School, 9 a.m. (3 year olds through adults).
Babysitting for all children under 5 years during church.
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.
For information or transportation to any service call 836-3936.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene
Church Street
Rev. R. Elwood Negley
Tel. 824-2505

Sunday:
Sunday School (for all ages including adults), 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.
For information or transportation to any service call 836-3936.

Unitarian-Universalist Church
Bryant Pond
Services first Sunday of every month. For complete list of guest speakers write to Emily Ecker, Clerk, Universalist Church, Bryant Pond, Maine.

Christian Science Services
In all Christian Science Churches, the Lesson-Sermon read from the desk is the same. The public is cordially invited to attend.
Sunday, Jan. 5: Subject—God. Golden Text—Deuteronomy 4:39: Know before this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath, there is none else.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Corner of Main and Tenth Streets, Berlin, N.H.
holds Sunday morning services at 11 a.m. and Sunday School at the same hour for pupils up to the age of 20 years. The Wednesday evening meeting is at 7:45, including testimonies of healing.
Christian Science Society, Norway
9 Stevens St., off Alpine St.
Sunday: Services and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. includes testimonies of healing.

Our Lady of the Snows
Catholic Church
Rte. 26, Bethel
Rev. Donald R. Proulx
Saturday, 4:30 Antiphonal Mass

St. Catherine of Siena
29 Paris St., Norway
Rev. Donald Proulx
Antiphonal Mass, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Sunday Masses, 9 and 11:15 a.m.

West Bethel Union Church
Rev. Norman Rust, Minister
Phone (Church 836-2225; Home 583-4688)
Parish Day Wednesday
Mrs. Neta Littlefield, Organist
Mrs. Rodney Kimball, Custodian
Morning worship and Church School, 9:15 a.m.
Nursery Provided for pre-school children
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W. Greenwood

By CAROLYN COLBY

Recent visitors at Irene Wilson's have been Helen Kraul, Portland, and Harry Childs from Stephens Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Emery, Westbrook; Ernest Lee, Littleton, N.H.; and Al and Jean Collet, Windham, visited Joe and Muriel Gilbert last week.

Last Saturday, Joe and Leah Deegan and Koral Smith spent the day with Henry and Betty Deegan and family in Scarborough and got their last minute shopping done.

Florence Beck, Randolph, N.H., came down Tuesday and spent the night with Joe and Leah Deegan. Christmas Eve, Florence, John and Joan Kimball and Ullas enjoyed an oyster stew supper with Joe and Leah.

Ronnie and Sally Smith, Koral and Eben, attended a Christmas Eve party at Warren and Grace Smith's at Locke Mills.

Florence, Joe and Leah, Warren and Grace all joined Ronnie, Sally and children for Christmas dinner. Vickie Wilson and friend, Donnie Breton, Bethel, spent Christmas Day with Irene Wilson.

Katrina Lowe, North Conway, N.H., was down for Christmas with her parents, Bob and Mona Lowe.

Mare and Leslie Moore, Nathan and Jennie, spent the Christmas holidays with family in Connecticut. Ray, Janice, and Patrick Harrington, were guests of Don and Pat Johnson of Norway for Christmas dinner. Robbie Harrington called Christmas Eve from Georgia.

DON'T MISS THE JIM TRELEASE MOVIE

On Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. the movie "Reading Aloud" by Jim Trelease will be shown at Telstar Regional High School. Jim Trelease is the author of the best seller "The Read Aloud Handbook," and his movie is important for parents and teachers. This program is sponsored by TAP and the Woodstock parents group, and it is open to the public at no charge.

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THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

All members and friends of the Bethel Historical Society are reminded that the monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 2, 1986, 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House. This meeting will feature the always popular "So You Think You Know Bethel." Anyone interested in attending this meeting is cordially invited to do so.

The 1985 Endowment Fund took some strides toward meeting the goal with contributions received this week from Edward H. Hastings, Milton, Mass., in memory of Walter Scott; Dr. John W. and Jane Champe Payne, Baltimore, Md., in honor of everyone who organized the 1985 Sudbury Canada Day's children's games; Dr. Robert M. and Jeannette G. York, Orrs Island. To date 274 individuals and businesses have contributed toward meeting the \$7,500 goal.

Three more new members have been added since they were listed in this column earlier in the month. They bring to 115 the number of new people who have been added to the rolls during 1985. These individuals are Rose Holodinsky, Norway; William Gibson, West Paris, and Amy Penner Stroud, Pennsauken, N.J. (life member).

Once more the society has added new resources to the Eva Bean Research Room. Through the generosity of society member Jane Fife of Tucson, Ariz., the society acquired a copy of Bond's "Genealogy and History of Watertown, Mass.," which contains data on some of Bethel's earliest families. Also acquired this week from an anonymous donor was another book: "Newton, Massachusetts 1697-1779: A Biographical Directory." Again this volume will be useful to those wishing to research early Bethel families. These volumes along with the more than 500 acquired during the past year have brought the society's collection to the state of being one of the most significant for those doing research on western Maine.



ANDOVER'S NEW PLOW TRUCK finally arrived last week, just two months late. (That's Andover Road Commissioner Wilbur Cheney about to hop in.) But the truck's hydraulic system wasn't working correctly, so the sander was inoperable.

North Paris

By EVELINE B. VATCHER

What a beautiful Christmas day. Rain, sleet, snow, sand trucks, snowplows and salt trucks. I hope there were no serious accidents and injuries. We sure missed the "Lewiston Sun."

We have lots of birds and they feed in the dog kennel. I guess they like the dog food.

It was old home day at the Lawrence's Christmas Eve. Callers were Richard Felt, Bertha Benoit, Maureen Heath and Amanda, Lloyd Huntley, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Penley, Sr. and Mrs. Wayne Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott, Joanna Poland, Amy Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Coffin and Jimbo, Margaret Stevens and Kelly, Barbie Knightly, Stevie Millett, Sherry Millett, Mark Thayer, Karen Merrill and James Edgar Coffin, Myrtle Downing and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vatcher.

Mr. and Mrs. William Vatcher, Tina, Sally and Lisa, Wilmington, Mass., came to Rhode Vatcher's trailer Wednesday for several days of skiing and snowmobiling.

Doris Lawrence had dinner with her brother Arthur Coffin at Stephens Memorial Hospital on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott called on the Vatchers Tuesday.

A Happy New Year to all our friends.

Albany

Hunt's Corner and Vicinity
By KATHY BENNETT

It is a rather chilly winter morning—0° at 6 a.m. Quite a difference in the temperature today from the 30° of yesterday.

Recent callers at the Barton Farm have been Mike Vigue, Roland Jacques and Roy Ball, Arthur and Randy Seavey. Dale Barton and Doug Bennett spent last weekend at the Barton's. Jeff took them shopping in Lewiston on Saturday.

Sunday, Franklin and Margaret Barton went to Conway to the movies and out to eat with Arthur and Sarah Seavey.

The Barton family went to Brownfield last night for a family Christmas at the home of Fran and Larry Parsons.

Visitors at the Wardwell Farm have been Verna Swan, Clara Whitman, Verna Robinson and Herman Gatchell and Fred and Lib Scribner.

Last week Alice Wardwell spent the day with her sister, Beatrice Farnum, Ruth Dunham, Edith Hathaway, and

Songo Pond

By ALICE KIMBALL

A happy New Year to everyone. May peace and contentment be with you through 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gatchell of Bryant Pond were guests for dessert Sunday evening with the David Salways.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Awaft of Augusta were overnight visitors Saturday with her mother Mrs. Myra Doyen for pre-Christmas togetherness. They spent Christmas Day with his father in Auburn.

Patrick McKinney was an overnight visitor Saturday with Brandon Salway.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Grenier were supper guests of the Roy Silvers Saturday evening.

Ricky and Robbie, little sons of Mrs. Sue Powell, are spending their vacation time with their father in Texas.

Tim and Heidi Akers brought supper Christmas Eve and enjoyed it with her grandparents, Pat and Gladys Grenier.

Dennis Grenier and family of Milan, N.H., spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Grenier.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lescault and Mark Jr. went to Rhode Island the first of the

Helen Rice to celebrate their Christmas. Janice Morrill, Deedee and Cyra, and Ivy Philbrook, Frank Howard, and Mike Inman were recent callers at the Hugh Stearns home.

The Inman family celebrated a family Christmas at the home of Frank and Terri Howard.

Christmas Eve guests at the home of Fred and Libby Scribner were Dale and Kathleen Scribner, David and Mary Ellen Scribner, Lida Scribner, and friend Steve.

It has been a hectic week at K-D's Acres! Annie Nutting spent the week with us. Russell and Darlene Nutting and Rayvann came up Sunday for their Christmas dinner and tree then we took Annie home.

Christmas Eve Margaret Barton and I attended church in North Waterford. Later that evening the Barton family joined the Bennett family for our seventh annual Christmas eve supper and tree.

Callers during the week were Hugh Stearns, Fred and Libby Scribner and Rod White.

Dave called from Texas late last night. Seemed strange not to have him home from Christmas.

Here's wishing all a Happy and Prosperous New Year from all of K-D's Acres.

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By PAULINE SMITH

Callers at Iva Fox's Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Errol Barker of Norway, their daughter and husband, the Smiths were with them.

Marlin Bassett and father, Jack Bassett called on Pauline Smith, Marlin was back from college in Massachusetts.

Scottie Allen spent Saturday night with his grandmother, Iva Fox.

Twenty-seven were out to the potluck supper the Kezar Lake snowmobile club had at Josie Orrington's, West Lovell.

Barbara Lemay returned home after a stay in Massachusetts with her sister, Beverly helping care for their mother.

Dot and Bill Force had supper with Beryl and Roger Woodbury, Sweden, Saturday.

Pauline and Roy Smith visited Charles Merrill Saturday evening.

Hazel Allen saw her doctor this week. Bill and Dottie Force took her.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Allen and family called on Hazel Allen, also Robert Johnstone, wife and three daughters.

Callers at Iva Fox's and Fred's Sunday, Linda, Neal and Scottie Allen, Rose Mary Smith, Josh, friend Michael, Paul Fox, Iva Fox, Kevin, called, from Monmouth.

About a hundred attended the supper at the church on Advent Sunday, Dec. 14. Went upstairs in the evening. A play was put on by the senior youth group, written by Dennis Barker and Neal Allen.

Very good.

The Bruce Morris family were here at their camp Sunday from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Force had dinner with Roger and Beryl Morrill in Sweden this week.

Keith Allen and family called on Hazel Allen Sunday, also Robert Johnstone's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gregson, daughter Lyn and grandson, Keith were here at their home in Northeast Lovell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Josephine are staying at their home here awhile, working on wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cope from Connecticut are here at their home, Cushman Pond, for their vacation.

Leroy and Pauline Smith visited his brother and his wife, Buster and Dot Smith, Friday.

Roswell Allen called at Hazel Allen's. Linda and Neal Allen entertained Linda's brother's and sister's families, Christmas Day.

Don and Carolyn Knights, Sandy, and friend Tim called at the Leroy Smith's.

The church programs were well attended.

GREENSTOCK SNOWSPORTS TO MEET JAN. 5

Greenstock Snowsports Inc. will hold a regular monthly meeting Sunday, Jan. 5, 9 a.m., at the Woodstock fire station, Bryant Pond. Plans for the Feb. 2 snowmobile rally will be announced. For further information call 665-2097. New members are always welcome.

OPEN HOUSE AT PVBC

There will be an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5, at the Pleasant Valley Bible Church on the Flat Road, West Bethel, to welcome Pastor Larry Bresnehan and his family to the community. All are invited.

Special Education Teacher

Anticipated vacancy within S.A.D. #44. Remainder of the 1985-86 school year. Maine State certification required. Submit letter, resume, and other credential to: Dwayne Craig, Supt. S.A.D. #44, RFD #1, Box 1220, Bethel, Me. 04217. Deadline: Jan. 3, 1986. E.O.E.

CARD OF THANKS

A thank you to my friends, relatives, and neighbors for their cards, gifts, and kind deeds while I was in the hospital and since I returned home. I, also, wish to thank the three organizations for my Christmas box.

E. Lee Mills

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THELMA B. HICKS

Mrs. Thelma B. Hicks of 7 Atwood St., Lewiston, died unexpectedly early Tuesday morning, Dec. 24, 1985, at her home.

Born in Greene, Feb. 12, 1902, the daughter of Herbert W. and Cynthia A. Gray Blaisdell, she was educated at Keene's Corner Schools in Auburn and was a 1919 graduate of Bliss College in Lewiston.

Prior to returning to Lewiston, Mrs. Hicks and her late husband had been residents of Locke Mills for over 40 years. She had been employed a number of years at the Bethel Inn.

She was married in Auburn, Oct. 14, 1922, to John S. Hicks Sr. and he died Feb. 16, 1965. Mrs. Hicks was a member of Danville Junction Grange and state and national granges.

Survivors include one son, John S. Hicks Jr., of Greenfield Park, N.Y.; one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Cynthia) Frazer of Lewiston; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Teague-Finley funeral home, Lewiston, Friday morning. Interment will be in the spring at the Greenwood Cemetery, Greene.

Women in Business elects officers for 1986

The new officers of Women in Business (WIB) were installed recently at the group's luncheon at the Sudbury Inn.

The officers and committee chairwomen are as follows: president, Katie Hunt; vice president, Barbara Chandler; secretary, Joan Churchill; treasurer, Marge Tisdale; chaplain, Lois Strauss; newsletter co-editors, Lois Strauss and Linda Caradonna; hospitality, Marge Tisdale; publicity, Joan Vandemark; membership, Eris Connell; reservations, Barbara Long.

Jan. 7 will be the first meeting of the new year, at the Hillside Racquetball and Health Club, Route 26, South Paris. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m., at which time tours of the facility will be given.

The program will begin promptly at noon and will include two speakers from within the group. Barbara Olson and Brenda Birney will talk to the women on stress management and improved well-being through diet and exercise. A nutritious lunch will then be served.

Reservations for this upcoming meeting should be made by calling 743-2532 between 9 a.m. and noon, or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., by Friday, Jan. 3.

WIB was organized over two years ago to provide a place for women in business, or those going into business, to meet other local businesswomen, share ideas and obtain knowledge through speakers and seminars. New members are always welcome.

Tri-Town Rescue

Tri-Town wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Members who missed last month's training are asked to see Jane Chandler, training officer, for information on filling out the new run forms. These will be effective Jan. 1, 1986, and will be in each ambulance instead of the old forms.

Tri-Town is pleased to have some new attendants on the schedule this month. Welcome Diane Todd, Kathy Scherf, Dennis Swan, Marc Barton, Harry and Grace Archer, and Harlan Abbott.

Warren Emery recently made a long board to fit inside the new basket litter Seach and Rescue purchased. The two will hang together in the West Paris barn with blankets, ready for use in getting patients found in difficult places.

The new copies of the amended by-laws are available. See Chief Mary Emery for a copy.

Safety Tip of the Week
Happy New Year to everyone. Let's take a few moments to reflect on the past year with a hope for the upcoming year. One suggestion for a new year's resolu-



THESE ARE THE SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST at Our Lady of the Snows church in Bethel. They are, front row, left to right, Jacqueline Gauthier, Linda Caron, Lucille Belisle, Peggy Tripp, Francine Sylvain, Connie Blanchard; back row, Tom Ford, Wendy Ford, Felix Otero-Otero, Helen Manjourides, John Caron, Jennine Wing, Linda Olson.

13 named as ministers of the Eucharist at Our Lady of the Snows

On Dec. 21, the parish family of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, in Bethel, celebrated a mass during which Rev. Donald Proulx commissioned 13 members of the parish as special ministers of the Eucharist.

Communion under both species (bread and wine) is now available at each mass. (Previously communion was available under the species of bread only.) It is this function (distribution of communion) for which the ministers are specially trained. In the future, the ministers will be carrying communion from mass to those who cannot attend.

Special ministers of the Eucharist is a restored ministry, rather than a new one. The carrying of communion to the home-bound was a common practice in the Church and only recently has been restored to an active ministry in today's Church.

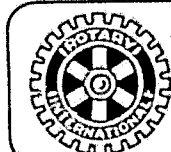
The newly commissioned ministers attended classes under the direction of Thomas Ford, who is a permanent deacon within the diocese and a new member of Our Lady of the Snows.

Flagon, communion plate and communion cups for the mass were made by Fay Corrin, of Frieden Dorf Pottery, in Bryant Pond.

tion is to keep safety in mind with all activities. Carelessness is the biggest cause of fires in the home. Have you cleaned your chimney lately? Where do you put the ashes from the wood stove? Do you relax in bed with a cigarette?

Carelessness is often the cause of falls or accidents in a car. Too often we hurry to get from one place or activity to another. A few moments to think may save a life. The difference between 55 mph and 65 or 70 mph really won't save but a few minutes in a long haul, and they might save someone from injury. How long does it take to buckle-up a seat belt?

If everyone took a Boy Scout motto "Be Prepared," we'd have fewer accidents in 1986.



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Survey shows employers complying with state's smoking-restriction law

Maine employers are implementing new smoking policies for their employees—and those policies are more restrictive, according to a survey conducted by the Maine Lung Association.

The telephone survey, conducted earlier this month, found that nearly half the sampled employers have written policies restricting smoking in the workplace. A similar survey conducted in 1983-84 found only 22 percent of employers polled had smoking policies in effect.

In both surveys, large employers (with more than 100 workers) were found more likely than smaller companies to have smoking policies in effect.

The Maine Lung Association poll showed a dramatic decline in employee smoking privileges in common work areas: from an average of 92 percent in 1983-84 to an average of 47 percent in 1985.

The law requiring a policy on restricting smoking is termed the "Workplace Smoking Act of 1985." The law, passed by the 121st session of the state legislature and due to take effect Jan. 1, 1986, requires Maine employers with more than one employee to implement written policies that designate areas of the workplace where smoking is prohibited and where it is permitted.

The survey found that almost all employers had heard of the new law, and the larger ones had programs in place to encourage employees to kick the smoking habit.

Marshall Burk, environmental health director of the Maine Lung Association, says the survey shows Maine employers are becoming more aware of their non-smoking employees' needs. "This really

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Community Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 31, Watchnight Service: Bethel Gospel Center, Route 26. Starts with a film at 8 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 6: Bethel Selectmen town office, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7: Bethel Rotary Club, Sudbury Inn, 12 noon.

Monday, Jan. 13: SAD #44 Board of Directors, 7:30 p.m., Telstar Regional High School library.

REACH — Sexual Abuse Helpline, 743-9777. Serving victims of sexual abuse—past or present. 24 hour service in Oxford County.

Second Saturday of Each Month: Woodstock Historical Society, 7 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

First Thursday of Each Month: Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday of Each Month: Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.
Third Friday of Each Month: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Cancer Support Group for patients, family or friends who are coping with a diagnosis of cancer. Second Tuesday — 2:30 p.m.; and Fourth Tuesday — 7:30 p.m. in the Health Education Department at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Martha Farrington, R.N., facilitator — 743-5833, ext. 489.

First Tuesday of each month: 7 p.m., in the Health Education Dept., of Stephens Memorial Hospital. "I Choose Not to Smoke" support group for smokers who have or want to stop smoking. Martha Farrington, R.N., facilitator — 743-5833, ext. 489.

Second and fourth Tuesday of Each Month: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, social hour 6:30 p.m.

Ginger Kelly, of Maine Street Realty, in Bethel, is the volunteer coordinator for the Community Calendar and will accept items to be listed by mail, phone (824-2114), or in person at her office on Main Street, Bethel (opposite the Bethel House).

MS. NEVITT TO OUTLINE CREATIVE/TALENTED PROGRAM

On Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in the library at Crescent Park School Helen Nevitt will describe the creative and talented program which will be beginning immediately in SAD #44. The presentation will last an hour and questions parents may have will be encouraged.

BORN

In Norway, Dec. 24, to Mr. and Mrs. David Gagnon (nee Donna Stinson, Andover) of East Stoneham, a son, Mark James.

In Lewiston, Dec. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emens (Stephanie Faudt) of Paris Hill, a daughter, Whitney Boyker.

DIED

In Lewiston, Dec. 24, Mrs. Thelma B. Hicks, formerly of Locke Mills, aged 83 years.

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ambulance fees. Aside from Newry, Hanover and Greenwood were also represented. The latter two towns had no complaints on fees, however.

Hanover Selectman Warren Stearns said, "We're the poor cousin. We've been looked down upon by Rumford for so long [for sending students up there] we're used to it. We're not unhappy with what you've said about Hanover."

What the Bethel officials said about Hanover was that Hanover's fees at the landfill would increase from the present \$3,600 to about \$5,200 next year, based on Hanover's accounting for an estimated 8 percent of the waste at the landfill.

As for ambulance service, the Bethel town manager has figured the year's operating costs (less passenger fees) at \$43,000 and wants to charge each town a portion of that amount based on the percentage use they make of the two ambulances.

In Newry's case, with 23 percent of all ambulance calls, the proposed assessment would jump to \$9,994 next year, from \$1,612 this year.

The Newry selectmen objected to the increase on two grounds: first, the debt service on the new ambulance garage was being included as part of the annual cost; second, the uncollected debts of passengers were being included as part of the annual cost.

Town Manager Lynch admitted, "We do have bad debts, and those must be written off. (So) those who don't use the service certainly subsidize those who use it."

Newry's Selectman Wight responded, "[So] even if a town worked to have its citizens pay their debts, the town would still have to help pay the bad debts of people in other towns."

Concerning the debt service on the new \$72,000 ambulance garage, Mr. Wight said, "Newry had nothing to do with deciding what sort of building to construct... [People in Newry might] object to paying for a quarter of a building they don't actually own."

Finally Selectman Wight pointed out that when Newry is assessed for schools it's on the basis of state valuation, which is much higher than if the town were assessed on usage. But Bethel, which has opposed assessment by usage for schools, now proposes to assess Newry just that way for ambulance service and the landfill. "If we're going to pay for the landfill and the ambulance on a per capita basis, what about school assessments?" The Bethel officials quickly said that was out of their domain.

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Each entree is served with a salad, potato or rice, vegetable, hot rolls and butter.

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